

## Barneveld Brigham Fire Department

### EMS Assist Protocol

The following Protocol is in the event of the Barneveld/Brigham EMS has requested the Barneveld Brigham Fire Department to respond to an EMS call for assistance amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The virus enters the body through the mucous membranes and respiratory system. This is why a mask, eye protection (preferably a shield) and stopping yourself from touching your face is so important. We have some PPE for this type of response but it is limited in numbers. We want only the minimum number of responders needed to have contact with a potential patient.

- EMS must request dispatch to page for the response of the BBFD for any assistance they might need
- Members are to respond to the station during such request and are not to respond to any EMS assist in their personal vehicle.
- A response for such assist should not exceed 4 members unless otherwise instructed by an officer of the BBFD or Barneveld EMS.
- Responding members should respond to the scene using the C1 first if available. E2 is the second response vehicle but only if C1 is not available.
- **E2 is also to respond to the scene with only driver/operator to act as a transport vehicle for NON-CONTAMINATED C1 personnel.**
- If a fire officer is using C1 as a command vehicle, the command officer is to respond to the station to pick up responding personal.
- Both response apparatus (C1 & E2) contain full PPE (Gloves, Mask, Full body Suit, and Safety Glasses). C1 PPE is located on rear tray. E2 PPE is located in the compartments above rear jump seats.
- C1 Responding members are to place their turnout gear in E2s crew area before responding to the call. Turnout gear is only to be used if necessary. Any turnout gear that is exposed to possible COVID-19 virus will be placed in a biohazard bag and decontaminated before further use or disposed of.
- Responding members are not to don any PPE until arriving on scene of EMS call.
- Upon completion of the call, all members are to doff their PPE at the scene and place it in a biohazard bag and use sanitizer before getting back into responding apparatus.
- Responding members are to wipe down any tools or equipment used at the scene before putting back on the apparatus.
- Upon returning to the station C1 is to park outside of the station at the far east garage door of the station. Potentially infected crew members are to stay in C1 until the garage door is opened. After the door is opened 1 crew member should enter the station through the garage door staying to the right and walk directly into the hose tower for decontamination. They should enter the shower through the right side of opening. Decontamination involves doffing all clothing, putting it in a biohazard bag and leaving it in the hose tower. The crew member should then shower using provided soap. After Decontamination the crew member will be given a towel to dry off and some clothing provided by the BBFD. When leaving the shower area the crewmember shall again, stay right and follow the back station wall to the uncontaminated area

of the station. After the first crewmember has completed decontamination, the next crew member in C1 is to perform the same procedure for decontamination.

- **Once all contaminated responding members are disinfected, the hose tower, the far east bay of the station and the interior of the responding apparatus can then be decontaminated by members of the BBFD who are in full PPE (Gloves, Full body suit, Mask, and Goggles). The far east bay of the station and the hose tower should be decontaminated with a bleach water solution. C1 should be decontaminated with wipes or disinfectant spray. Once decontamination is complete, with the exception of goggles, safety glasses, or shields, used PPE is to be discarded into a biohazard bag. Members are to also take extra precautions and disinfect themselves with hand sanitizer and spray before returning home.**
- All BBFD members should be constantly self-monitoring for illness. Should a member become ill, they should immediately self-quarantine and notify a BBFD officer of their situation and follow up their normal medical provider.