

SENECA COUNTY Emergency Services



Seneca County Protocol Addendum

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To: Seneca County EMS

Seneca County Fire Departments

Purpose: Addendum to existing protocols

The following addendum shall be added to the Seneca County Fire Department Policies, Procedures, Protocols, or standard operating guidelines as it applies to the Response to EMS related incidents.

The Following addendum shall be added to the Seneca County EMS protocols for the utilization of Firefighter/EMS personnel during EMS treatment and transport.

"Any EMS Certified firefighter that is also a member of Seneca County EMS shall function at the highest level of their EMS certification when a Seneca County EMS ambulance is on scene".

This clarifies the long standing "unwritten rule" that a FireFighter that is also certified in EMS (above the level of EMR) shall utilize their advanced level skills ONLY while they are assigned or scheduled on a Seneca County EMS ambulance.

The Seneca County Fire Department protocols are written to the Emergency Medical Responder level only. If a member of any Seneca County Fire Department is also a member of any Seneca County EMS ambulance, they shall function to the full capacity of their EMS certification.

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