



SENECA COUNTY

Emergency Services



Standard Administrative Policy

Subject: Squad Name and Number

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Purpose:

The purpose of this guideline is to define the rules of radio communication pertaining to squad names/numbers

Background:

Due to the variety of levels of care pertaining to pre-hospital care it is necessary to identify the certification level of responders in each ambulance.

This will serve to decrease confusion of on-scene personnel awaiting an ambulance, define the level of care on the radio, and identify the level of care to receiving hospitals, and other responding agencies.

Policy & Procedure

1. All Seneca County EMS units will use the District Number during all radio traffic. (Example: Seneca County this is squad 101).
 2. All Seneca County EMS units will identify themselves as SQUADS, unless a Paramedic is onboard. If a paramedic is onboard the ambulance will be identified as a "Medic". (Example: Seneca County this is Medic 101 - identifying that they have a paramedic onboard).
- This policy is designed to clear any confusion as to what names to use when communicating via 2 way radio. There has been some confusion among Law enforcement, fire, and Hospital staff. They need to know who we are, and what our level of care is.
 - When responding with an intermediate or advanced EMT onboard the unit may be identified as an Advanced Squad. Example "Seneca County this is Advanced 101".
 - Dispatchers may continue to utilize the squad number only when acknowledging communications.
 - It has been requested by the local hospitals that when we call in a patient care report that the squads identify who they are by name. Example: "Tiffin Mercy ER this is Attica Squad".

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