



Oswego County EMS Standard Operating Guideline



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| SOG Number: 5 | | Title: PCR Requirements for Fire Service EMS | |
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Purpose

To provide guidance for Oswego County Fire Service EMS responders on when to complete a Pre Hospital Care Report.

Guideline

The guidance below is based in part on New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS Policy Statement 02-05, Pre-Hospital Care Reports (PCR). That document states,

A PCR should be completed each time the agency is dispatched for any type response. This includes (but is not limited to):

- *Patients transported to any location,*
- *Patients who refuse care and/or transport,*
- *Patients treated by one agency and transported by another,*
- *Calls where no patient contact is made, such as*
 - *Calls cancelled before reaching the scene*
 - *Calls where no patient is located*
 - *When dispatched for a stand by events.*

With respect to response to an EMS call by fire agency first responders, ***the above policy guidance are valid only if a New York State certified EMS provider (that is, a Certified First Responder or higher) responds to the call.*** In other words, if there is no medical response, then no PCR is required.

An EMS provider is considered to have **responded** to the call if they have arrived at the fire station or incident location for the purpose of responding to the call, or they are already at their fire station and available for response when the call comes in. In summary, a fire agency based EMS responder should initiate a PCR for the above italicized circumstances, if they arrive at the fire station or incident location in response to an EMS call, or they are at the fire station and available for response when the call comes in.

Personnel with no valid EMS certification who respond to EMS calls have no requirement to initiate a PCR.

Also, documentation of EMS response on a fire incident reporting form does NOT satisfy the requirement to complete a PCR, just as documentation of a fire incident on a PCR does not satisfy the requirements of completing a fire incident reporting form.

External Approvals

Not required.