

FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR ROLES



DISPATCHER

Determines Location
Rapidly Determines
Appropriate Response

Vehicles: Telephone

Responsibilities:

- Collect patient health information (e.g., age, breathing, pulse)
- Identify immediate life threats
- Give first aid instructions (CPR, bleeding control, etc.)
- Relay non-HIPAA protected information to other responders



EMS

Patient Care

Vehicles: Ambulance, medic unit

Responsibilities:

- Evaluate patient's medical condition
- Carry out lifesaving work, and continue this work during transport
- Provide more advanced medical techniques
- Stop the medical emergency from progressing
- Coordinate medical assistance to patients



POLICE

Safety and Order

Vehicles: Police Vehicles

Responsibilities:

- Law enforcement
- Rapid response and early intervention (CPR, bleeding control, etc.)



FIRE

Incident Stabilization
Property Conservation

Vehicles: Fire Engines, Ambulances, Fire Command Vehicles

Responsibilities:

- Secure the scene
- Take action to attack fires

In many municipalities, the fire department provides EMS.



All first responders provide public safety.

Responsibilities:

- Perform CPR or deliver first aid when first at the scene
- Ensure personal safety
- Advise personnel in the area of potential threats relevant to their area of focus