



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

TOPIC: Stand-By's - History & Requirements	S.O.P. # 1.13a
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I. PURPOSE

- a. To provide a history of, need for, and method of conducting squad stand-by's and public relations events.

II. HISTORY

- a. The Rescue Squad was formed in 1960 as a result of action by citizens who saw a need for a group to provide first aid and transportation of injured and ill. Specifically, Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Cobbs suffered a broken leg when a building wall collapsed on him.

III. NEED FOR STAND-BY'S .

- a. As more and more citizens move to this locality from outside the area, fewer and fewer are aware of the actual mechanics involved in the provision of emergency services – specifically emergency medical services. In many areas, municipal employees, private ambulance companies or fire department personnel provide the service. Often the patients are billed for service later as if they had called a cab.
- b. Therefore, we undertake provide stand-by's and public relations events for the following reasons:
 - i. So that the public can interact with our members on a face-to-face basis in a non-emergent situation.
 - ii. So that our members can have the opportunity to explain the nature of our organization to the citizens, including:
 1. We are 100% volunteer and each member gives at least 12 hours a week.
 2. We do **not** charge anyone for our service.
 3. We respond to over 7,000 incidents each year.
 4. We provide emergency medical services and heavy and tactical rescue services.
 5. We rely almost totally on citizen donations to operate and to buy equipment.
 6. We are grateful for the support we enjoy from the public and the level of service we can provide as a result of that support.

In other words, we are there to thank and educate the public and to show them what their donations have been used for and why it benefits them.

IV. REQUIREMENTS

- a. Each active member of the squad shall be required to complete 6 hours of stand-by time every calendar year.
- b. Each associate-medical member of the squad shall be required to complete 3 hours of stand-by time each calendar year.
- c. Life members are exempted from the requirement to complete stand-by hours.
- d. Stand-by hours may be accrued at events such as:



- i. Public education at local schools/gatherings
 - ii. Area races
 - iii. Events that are requested by individuals/groups in the area and approved by the Special Event's Captain.
- e. Upcoming stand-bys will be posted by the Special Event's Captain electronically so that the information is readily accessible to the membership. The date, time, location, number of crew members required, and any special requirements (i.e. ALS, vehicle rescue, etc.) for each event will be listed.
- f. Sign-up for special events is on a first-come, first-serve basis.