



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE 01/2012
FROM: Director NAS
TO: All National Ambulance Service Staff
<p>SUBJECT: Reporting Relationship of Ambulance Service Staff to Fire Service at Emergency Incidents in relation to Scene Safety as managed by Fire Service</p> <p>This document describes the procedure for the safe, effective and efficient management of emergency incidents involving the National Ambulance Service (NAS) and the relevant Fire Service (Local Authority) at emergency incidents involving both services and or An Garda Síochana, with particular emphasis on Scene Safety where responsibility lies with the relevant Fire Service (Local Authority)</p> <p>This issue relates to the Fire Service Incident Command System. The Incident Command System is set up at all incidents attended by the Fire Service. The Fire Service will have an identifiable Incident Commander who will have overall responsibility for the Incident (Scene Safety and Fire Operations). The Incident Commander will be clearly identifiable using the Fire Service Incident Command System. (see Appendix I)</p> <p>RATIONALE: The Fire Service Incident Command System has the capacity to provide a safety umbrella to all personnel, including NAS staff at an incident where Fire Service attendance is warranted. It's effectiveness is dependant on NAS staff adherence to appropriate procedures and safety awareness. The Fire Service, where in attendance, have overall responsibility for Scene Safety. The lead Practitioner on arrival at an incident where the Fire Service are in attendance, must report and identify themselves to the Fire Service Incident Commander. NAS Staff will be guided by the Incident Commander in relation to Scene Safety, both in the overall Incident area and in Sectoral areas (Appendix II), if in place. This liaison must be maintained throughout the incident.</p>
EFFECTIVE FROM: Immediately
EFFECTIVE TO: 31st October 2016
<p>QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE: Area Operations Manager (or designated alternate)</p>

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