

Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Policy

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**Service to Lawrence and Grant Township
During Restricted Access**

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to ensure access and provide fire and medical services to Lawrence and Grant Township areas during restricted access. This plan is targeted for peak traffic times but may also be implemented based on information or events that would substantially prevent response access.

2 SCOPE

- 2.1 The scope of this policy applies to all department members.

3 ACCREDITATION REFERENCE

- 3.1 5B

4 PROCEDURE

4.1 Planned Access Restrictions Review

- 4.1.1 Pre-Event planning for all planned activities that will restrict access will be reviewed by Fire Medical personnel with the goal to keep access open whenever possible to maintain minimal response times. Planning should include law enforcement management of the intersections to keep traffic moving. All Incident Action Plans created for special events and major incidents shall include this access planning process.

4.2 Unplanned Access Restriction

- 4.2.1 In the event of reported limited access issues, the duty shift commander or chief officer shall evaluate the access. Normal peak traffic is not considered a restriction. The officer shall make the decision whether to implement this plan and how long the plan will be implemented. Shift Commanders should consult with the Fire Chief or Acting Chief for assistance as necessary.

4.3 Staffing

- 4.3.1 In planned events, staffing should follow normal staffing procedures. In the event of complete area isolation, the duty shift commander shall re-assign units as necessary until access is restored. Emergency callback for staffing should be initiated if the shutdown length of time is unknown or will be extended.

4.4 Staging

- 4.4.1 The staffed apparatus should remain in the area of access restriction when not on an incident. In most cases there will be no identified staging location and will remain flexible locating at strategic locations as needed.

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4.5 Incident Responses

4.5.1 Apparatus officer will monitor the radio and respond on all alarms in the restricted access area while staffed for this standby. While on standby, the apparatus will not be automatically assigned by CAD to calls in this area, the company officer will need to monitor the radio and add their unit to calls. They should not respond to alarms outside of the restricted access area unless assigned by the Shift Commander or an Incident Commander.

5 LAWRENCE AND GRANT TOWNSHIPS NORTH OF KANSAS RIVER BRIDGE

5.1 Planned Access Restrictions Review

5.1.1 Event planning for all planned activities that will restrict access to this area will be reviewed by Fire Medical personnel with the goal to keep access open whenever possible. Planning should include law enforcement management of the intersections to keep traffic moving. All Incident Action Plans created for special events and major incidents shall include this planning process.

5.2 Unplanned Access Restrictions

5.2.1 In the event of reported limited access issues, the duty Shift Commander or Chief Officer shall evaluate the access. Normal peak traffic is not considered a restriction to North Lawrence. The officer shall make the decision whether to implement this plan and how long the plan will be implemented. Shift Commanders should consult with the Fire Chief or Acting Chief for assistance as necessary.

5.3 Tender Staffing

5.3.1 Tender 1 will be staffed with off duty personnel consisting of one officer and one engineer. In planned events, this staffing should follow normal staffing procedures. In the event of a complete bridge shut down, the duty Shift Commander shall re-assign units as necessary until access is restored. Emergency callback for tender staffing should be initiated if the shutdown length of time is unknown or will be extended.

5.4 Tender Staging

5.4.1 Tender 1 should remain north of the river when not on an incident. Tender 1 currently has no identified staging location and will remain flexible, locating at strategic locations as needed.

5.5 Tender Responses

5.5.1 Tender 1 will monitor the radio and respond on all alarms in Lawrence north of the river and Grant Township while staffed for this standby. While on standby, Tender 1 will not be automatically assigned by CAD to calls in this area, the Company Officer will need to monitor the radio and add Tender 1 to calls. They should not respond to alarms south of the river bridges unless assigned by the Shift Commander or an Incident Commander. Incidents that occur on the bridges will quickly cause traffic backups so get as much information as possible before committing to a particular response route.

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- 5.5.2 Tender 1 will respond on all alarms which they are recommended by CAD including county tender alarms.
- 5.6 Alternate Response from Interstate 70
 - 5.6.1 Multi-unit incidents occurring in Lawrence, north of the bridge/Grant Township will have responses modified to add additional units when necessary. Second due units should communicate with first due units and approach incidents via I-70 when necessary.
 - 5.6.2 Radio communications between units should coordinate response route and units that will respond via I-70 should include this in their response transmission, i.e. "Q3 responding via I-70".
 - 5.6.3 All units shall continue response until first arriving units access this area or command is established and units are released.