



Howe Island Fire & Rescue

Medical
Assistance



What is the program?

- Coordinating of Public or Private safety agencies to provide rapid first response assistance to the public in the timeliest manner possible!

County Medical Response!

- The plan sets out the Notification, Activation, and Response Criteria for local fire departments participating in the Medical Assistance Response Program for the County of Frontenac and Lennox & Addington.
- **Standardizing the criteria for response to remove confusion regardless of where you are in the FLA Counties!**

Life Threatening Emergency:

The Local participating fire department is to be called for the following conditions:

- Vital Signs Absent (VSA)
- Unconscious Patient
- Airway Obstruction
- Absence of Breathing
- All Motor Vehicle Accidents

All Other Code 4 Calls

Response 15

If ambulance response to the scene is greater than 15 minutes and when there is a clear response time advantage.

System Notification/Activation

- ***You are to call 911 and ask for ambulance in a medical emergency!***

You will be linked to the Central Ambulance Communication Centre!

You will be asked some specific questions and the call taker will be to the point and direct!

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- The agreement states that the Local Fire Department will be notified within **(1) one minute** of call committal or information update of an Ambulance to a life threatening incident 90% of the time or greater!

Other Areas

- Specific Training Requirements
- Specific Equipment Requirement
- **Dispute/Issue Arbitration** ...if you have concerns about a response or lack there of you should contact the Fire Service (Fire Chief) to discuss the areas of concern so that the matter can be followed up!

What you should expect!

- Protection of your Privacy and Dignity!
- A small team of firefighters with up to 4 individuals within your home!
- Identified in Orange Fire & Rescue Coveralls
- Coordination outside your home to assist Ambulance
- Direct Contact with the appropriate ferry for coordination etc.