

RESPONDING TO POTENTIALLY UNSAFE SCENES

PURPOSE:

- To establish a standardized guideline for personnel responding to a potentially unsafe scene. In order to maximize the safety of everyone involved.

GUIDELINE:

- Potentially Unsafe Scenes are:
 - Domestic Violence
 - Altercations / Fights
 - Intoxicated Individuals
 - Suicide Attempts
 - Injuries involving weapons
- No member will respond directly to this type of incident in their personal vehicle.
- Apparatus will stage at a safe distance from the incident and await clearance from law enforcement to enter the scene.
 - If no law unit is available attempt to reduce the potential for injury by:
 - Having 911 make phone contact with the residence and if possible have victim or caller meet rescue personnel outside.
 - If possible have caller turn on as many lights as possible
 - Stay in teams of two and only make minimal entry keeping a clear exit path leave exit doors open
 - Take a minimum amount of equipment with you keep your hands free if possible
 - If in doubt, Something doesn't feel right, the caller is not assisting with requests, the altercation is still in-progress, **GET OUT AND ADVISE DISPATCH** of urgent need for law
- If Oswego Ambulance is on scene and made entry provide assistance as needed and ensure an exit path for them.
- The department will not lend Turnout Gear to any Law Enforcement Agency for the purpose of enforcement (disguise to effect an arrest or entry)
- In the event of the need for a rolling shield 2742 or 2751 may be used but no member will operate the vehicle during the evolution.