

Santa Barbara City Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures Emergency Operations	Code: E-VI-6
Response to Medical Emergencies at Santa Barbara Airport Terminal/Ramp Area/Aboard Aircraft	
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I. PURPOSE

A. To define and establish response procedures for medical emergency calls at the Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) Terminal, ramp area and aboard aircraft.

II. INTENT

A. To outline the response role of the Santa Barbara City Fire Department to medical emergencies at the SBA Terminal, ramp area and aboard aircraft.

III. DISPATCH

A When a call for a medical emergency occurs at the SBA Terminal, ramp area or aboard an aircraft, the Combined Communications Center shall dispatch and request the following resources:

1. The on duty Santa Barbara City Fire Department Station 8 ARFF crew.
2. The closest available Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBC) engine/truck/rescue ambulance company.
3. An American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance.

IV. RESPONSES

A. The on duty Station 8 fire crew shall respond with all personnel and a minimum of two ARFF apparatus to the reported location of the medical emergency.

1. Medical Emergency at SBA Terminal:

A. Upon arrival at the SBA Terminal, the Station 8 ARFF crew shall park their apparatus in a safe location in the ramp area.

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B. The Station 8 ARFF Captain and one ARFF Engineer shall proceed into the Terminal and make patient contact.

C. The remaining ARFF Engineer shall remain staged with the ARFF apparatus until the conclusion of the medical emergency or upon the receipt of an alert incident.

D. If an alert is received while the medical emergency is occurring, the ARFF Captain shall disengage from patient care and proceed to the staffed ARFF apparatus.

E. The ARFF Captain and the ARFF Engineer that is staged on the terminal ramp shall proceed to the alert location and handle the alert emergency until it is mitigated.

F. The ARFF Engineer providing patient care shall remain with the patient until patient care can be transferred to SBC and/or AMR personnel. When patient care has been transferred, the ARFF Engineer will attempt to meet the ARFF Captain and Engineer at the alert location.

2. Medical Emergency at SBA ramp area and aboard aircraft:

A. Upon arrival at the SBA ramp area, the Station 8 ARFF crew shall park their apparatus in a safe location in the ramp area.

B. The Station 8 ARFF Captain and one ARFF Engineer shall board the aircraft in ramp area and make patient contact.

C. The remaining ARFF Engineer may remain with the ARFF apparatus or assist with patient care. It will be at the discretion of the ARFF Captain to decide the remaining ARFF Engineer's role.

D. If an alert is received while the medical emergency is occurring, the ARFF Captain shall disengage from patient care and proceed with one ARFF Engineer to the alert location and handle the alert emergency until it is mitigated.

F. The ARFF Engineer providing patient care shall remain with the patient until patient care can be transferred to SBC or AMR personnel. When patient care has been transferred, the ARFF Engineer will attempt to meet the ARFF Captain and Engineer at the alert location.