No Non-Essential Personnel in the Hot Zone.
The 'Scout' may be defined as A) Firefighter/EMT or B) Firefighter/EMT with Probationary Firefighter/EMT.

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Dispatch Center will attempt to identify high-risk COVID-19 calls and have the patient meet EMS at door if possible.

Quick Jump Kit carried by Scout:
Jump Kit should be easily deconned and contain extra PPE and equipment to achieve primary assessment.

SCOUT DONS PPE & MAKES PATIENT CONTACT*
Patient assessment at 6 feet if possible.
Patient wears mask if able.
Maintain situational awareness and line of sight with crew.
Remaining crew will remain outside the Hot Zone.

Determine COVID-19 Risk:
- Confirmed COVID-19 positive test
- Symptoms: Fever, cough, respiratory difficulty
- Known contact with COVID-19 positive person
- Recent visit to Skilled Nursing Facility

Announce over the Radio appropriate level of PPE for all incoming personnel.

Negative Risk for COVID-19
Proceed with routine patient care.

NOT SICK
- Initial Vitals
- Advise of additional needs
- If able, walk Patient to door

Mobilize additional crew with PPE to provide care as necessary.

Positive Risk for COVID-19
Sick/Not Sick

SICK
Determine resource needs and call in personnel as needed

Use minimum number of providers to safely treat and move patient.

Move to open air or well-ventilated area when possible.

Prep second Medic for needs in Medic Unit if transporting immediately

*COVID PPE based on Department Policy

3 EMT's with MEGG + 2 Medics with MEGG
Additional personnel outside of Hot Zone ready to deploy with MEGG.

Determine resource needs and call in personnel as needed.

Assure High Performance CPR

Keep MEGG on throughout resuscitation and transport.

Transport Decisions: See Best Practice Transport Guideline

Cardiac Arrest
All Cardiac Arrest patients are considered High Risk due to aerosolized droplets from patient during procedures. All personnel in the hot zone need to be in full MEGG. To minimize delay at scene, consider having anyone who can safely do so Don MEGG en route.

The scout strategy is designed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, preserve PPE, and continue to deliver the highest standard of patient care.