

	Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission Operations Manual	No. 03.04
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	Splitting of ALS and BLS Crews	Revised Date: October 3, 2013

I. SCOPE

- A. This policy will pertain to all Queen Anne's County Emergency Service Providers.

II. PURPOSE

- A. It is the goal of the Queen Anne's Emergency Services Providers to maintain a comprehensive, professional, technically sophisticated and compassionate EMS organization. The purpose of this policy is to guide resource management appropriately to optimize care.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. All personnel affiliated with a Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS Department will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this policy.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. The first arriving unit to the scene shall perform an appropriate assessment of the patient and perform immediate lifesaving interventions as required. Based on the assessment, the first arriving crew will determine if the patient is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) and assign a clinical priority based on the Maryland Medical Protocols.
- B. If the patient's condition is immediately life threatening, the first arriving unit shall perform a "Load – and Go" and rendezvous with additional resources as necessary.
- C. If a responding unit is double ALS staffed, all efforts shall be made to split crews with providers that have a (QAC FEC) credential card that identifies the level of care and operator status. Cards shall be in the provider's immediate possession.

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V. CREDENTIAL CARDS

- A. Credential cards will identify the individual, the level of certification/licensure they are cleared to provide in QAC, and shall identify that they are a cleared driver.
- B. Credential cards remain property of Queen Anne's County and shall be surrendered to the Medical Director, Senior EMS officer of the respective department or Quality Assurance Committee upon such a request.
- C. All credential personnel shall follow the Credential Standard Operating Procedure as established.

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Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission