

	Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission Operations Manual	No. 04.05
		Effective Date: October 1, 2015
	Staging Policy for both Apparatus & Provider Scene Safety	Revised Date:

I. SCOPE

- A. This policy applies to all Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS providers.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To provide Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS personnel a policy for apparatus and provider safety for staging during a hostile or threatening scene. This policy is to ensure providers decrease the risk to themselves and others making entry into an emergency situation deemed violent or threatening by the Queen Anne County DES public safety answering point. In addition, any call that providers interpret information as possible hostile and or threatening based on information relayed by Queen Anne County DES public safety answering point may elect to stage and request that law enforcement respond to assure the scene is secure.

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. Staging instructions
 - 1. If information has been acquired by Queen Anne and deemed to be hostile and or threatening, dispatched units will be told to "stage until scene has been secured." Examples of hostile and or threatening scenes are but not limited to:
 - a. Shootings
 - b. Stabbing
 - c. Assaults
 - d. Overdoses

- e. Subject threatening suicide
 - f. Active Shooter
 - g. Domestic in progress with injuries
- B. Once being told to stage, Queen Anne’s County Fire and or EMS units should stage approximately two blocks from the scene or out of sight of the call location.
- C. Units shall not under any circumstances proceed into the scene until Queen Anne advises units that the “scene has been secured, and to proceed in.”
- D. At no time will Queen Anne’s County Fire and or EMS units follow law enforcement officials into the scene unless the “all clear and or scene is secure” notification has been given by Queen Anne.
- E. At any point a scene becomes unsafe; Queen Anne’s County Fire and EMS units and personnel shall exit the scene if possible, and should follow the procedures set forth in the “Signal 13 Policy 04.04”.

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