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	<b>Chase and Special Unit Standards</b>	Effective Date: May 2, 2013  Revised Date:

**I. SCOPE**

- A. This standard applies to all Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS Department's.

**II. PURPOSE**

- A. To establish standards for a Chase or Special Unit.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**


- A. All Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS Department's will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this standard.

**IV. DEFINITION**

- 1. Chase or Special Unit – is defined as any unit(s) that responds as a medical assist unit ALS or BLS.

**V. STANDARD**

- A. A motorized piece of apparatus with the capacity to carry the proper amount of equipment according to the Maryland Seal of Excellence Program which was adopted by the Ambulance Committee of the Fire and EMS Commission. The Chase or Special Unit must be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. The Chase or Special Unit must be qualified for acceptance by means of an acceptance test if new and a service test if used by the Standards Committee of the Fire and EMS Commission and by the Ambulance Committee of the Fire and EMS Commission. The Chase or Special Unit must be in good operating condition and not loaded beyond the maximum allowable gross vehicle weight.
- B. All apparatus will have warning devices ( lights, bells, whistles, sirens ) in proper working order at all times.
- C. All Chase and Special Units will have audible back up alarm.

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D. All Chase or Special Units will be designated by 2-digit numbers ending in a 9 using the type of vehicle and station number. The vehicle will be called Special Units, but can be considered as Chase Units.

(Example; Special Unit 19, Special Unit 29, Special Unit 39, Special Unit 49, Special Unit 59, Special Unit 69, Special Unit 79, and Special Unit 99.)

E. Chase or special unit will be equipped as follows.

1. Chase or Special Unit will meet or exceed the current Seal of Excellence Program equipment list.

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