

Southern Tier First Response System

The term "First Response Unit" is defined as a vehicle and team of EMS-trained personnel which responds, when dispatched, to the scene of a situation, and will be responsible for the emergency medical care until the arrival of the ambulance. They will then assist the ambulance crew until they are released from the scene. First Response Units are considered non-transporting.

The following are guidelines for First Response Units:

1. A minimum of ten members to begin a service.
2. A vehicle dedicated to EMS calls, and equipped with standard and compatible equipment for extrication, primary patient survey, wound care, splinting, airway management, personal protective equipment, and a blanket and pillow. Heavy-duty extrication equipment may be carried on a second vehicle, which will also respond to the scene.
3. Training requirements for all team members:
 - a. Current Certified First Responder (CFR) or higher EMS certification.
 - b. Current CPR certification.
 - c. Crash Victim Extrication or equivalent training.
 - d. Continuing EMS training: a minimum of three hours quarterly (may be held more frequently), conducted by a Certified Lab Instructor or an EMT, in cooperation with the ambulance service, hospital, or other EMS agencies. Training will include disaster/mass casualty response.
 - e. Agencies with defibrillators must have a Medical Director, and recertification training as required by New York State Department of Health.
4. Personnel and equipment response will be governed by the agency's standard operating procedure, and by regional and state protocols and policies.
5. On-scene procedures:
 - a. CFR or member with highest level of EMS training stays with the patient and is in charge of the patient's care until the ambulance arrives.
 - b. EMS-trained personnel provide emergency medical care until the ambulance arrives.
 - c. Findings and treatment will be documented on a Prehospital Care Report (PCR) form. The Agency copy of the PCR is kept by the First Response Unit, the hospital copy is given to the ambulance personnel and the Research copy is sent to STREMS.
 - d. Patient responsibility will be turned over to the transporting agency's crew upon their arrival.
 - e. Members will follow First Responder or Basic Life Support protocols to the level of their training.
6. Team effort is essential.

Southern Tier Regional EMS Council Application for First Responder

Name of Service	Business Phone	Emergency Phone
Address	City	State
Zip		
Mailing Address (if different)		
Contact Person	Title	Day Phone
		Evening Phone
Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Fire Department <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)		
First Response Vehicle Description		
Primary Operating Territory		
Level of Care <input type="checkbox"/> CFR <input type="checkbox"/> CFR-D (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> EMT <input type="checkbox"/> EMT-D		
Agency Medical Director	Address	Phone
Transporting Agency(s)		

Mail completed application and roster to STREMS Council, PO Box 3492, Elmira NY 14905

