

REMSCO EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Drill #2

PURPOSE:

1. To introduce non-medical personnel into EMS calls.
2. To incorporate non-medical personnel in assisting medical personnel.

RATIONALE:

- 1: Most (>85%) of FD responses are medical in nature.
- 2: At times, trained EMS personnel response is limited and assistance may be needed from non-medical personnel.
3. Non-medical personnel, under the direction of EMS personnel, can assist medical personnel.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To review the indications to call for a helicopter and how to call for one
2. To review communications surrounding a helicopter activation
3. To formulate a list of potential Landing Zones (LZ) for your agency
4. To visit each potential LZ and assess their viability-this may involve contacting private property owners in advance
5. Set up each viable LZ
6. To practice determination of wind direction and speed
7. To observe a helicopter landing and interact with an actual flight crew
8. To further refine your LZ list based on the actual setup
9. To adjust agency SOP's for actual LZ deployment in the future
10. To communicate your findings with all agencies involved

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

1. Traffic cones
2. Lighting for nighttime (Flares discouraged because of wind from aircraft)
3. Personal Protective Equipment
4. Measuring device to lay out the 100' by 100' area
5. Apparatus to hose down the area and stand-by for fire protection
6. Having a helicopter actually come to the scene is recommended

METHODOLOGY:

1. This will be an indoor-outdoor-indoor drill
2. Create a list of LZ's, investigate them, actually set them up, and then return to base to critique.
3. Drill may actually need to be expanded into more than one night

SCENERIO

Training officer reads to all non-medical personnel involved:

There is no scenario for this drill. The Training Officer will guide the participants according to the objectives. It is designed to start at the firehouse where a roundtable discussion will take place. The plan is to visit, review and actually set up each LZ. If possible an actual helicopter landing should be incorporated into this drill. Once this is complete there may be LZ's eliminated and further refinement to SOP's may be necessary.

FOLLOW-UP:

1. **After the exercise, meet with the group to illicit impressions and to correct any problems.**
2. **Return equipment used in the scenario to correct locations.**