Date: July 29, 2007

To: Chief Feld, District Manager & All Dispatchers

From: Assistant Chief Granahan

Subject: ***MEDEVAC STANDBY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE***

The Suffolk County Police Department Aviation Section has instituted a *"STAND BY"* procedure for the Helicopters to help reduce the response time for Medevac Transports. FRES will utilize the Priority Dispatching System (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta & Echo) and notify the Aviation Section to go on *"STAND BY"* for a possible Medevac Transport. The Medevac *"STAND BY"* will be based on the NYS DOH & Suffolk County EMS Policies & Protocols of Major Trauma, High Risk Patients due to Mechanism of Injury and / or limited ground access. FRES will notify the responding Fire / EMS Department that a *"STAND BY"* notification was made to the Aviation Section for the Incident in which they are responding to.

NEW DISPATCH PROCEDURE:

When DHFD Communications receives any Alarm (**DELTA** or **ECHO**) indicating an MVA, Pedestrian or Bicycle struck, Trauma, Industrial, Collapse or Unusual or Unknown Nature, The DHFD Dispatcher will ask the FRES Operator if a Medevac *"STAND BY"* notification was made. If FRES has **NOT** made the notification the DHFD Dispatcher will ask the FRES Operator to do so. The DHFD Dispatcher will advise the Chief Officer or First Responder that a Medevac *"STAND BY"* notification has been made. If **NO** Chiefs are responding the information will be relayed to the First Responder (Medic & Able) and the Rescue & Fire Officers.
Whenever a Medevac *"STAND BY"* is made, it must be followed up with a *"Confirmation to Respond"* or a *"Stand Down"* request. The DHFD Dispatcher will request this information from the Incident Commander soon after arrival on scene.

This Medevac *"STAND BY"* is **NOT** for the routine (Delta or Echo) sick or medical house Alarms.

2nd Assistant Chief
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CC: Rescue Officers
Fire Officers