The Dix Hills Fire Department will operate and maintain a first response unit designated 2-8-10. The purpose to this first response unit is to get medically and firematically qualified personnel to a scene to begin size-up, assessment and stabilization. The first responders that will staff the vehicle shall be at minimum an EMT-D, Suffolk County Basic Fire School certified and Dix Hills Fire Department SCBA qualified.

Qualification Criteria

Personnel utilized for the First Responder (2-8-10) unit will be district personnel with the following qualifications:

1. Must hold and maintain at minimum a valid EMT-D certification.
2. Qualified, at a minimum, ambulance driver on all Dix Hills Fire Department ambulances and all first response vehicles.
3. Maintain and hold Dix Hills Fire Department yearly SCBA qualification.
4. Satisfy Dix Hills Fire Department SOP 1302 (required trainings).
5. Have working knowledge of all Dix Hills Fire Department SOP's.

Schedule/Hours of Operation

- Hours of operation shall be set by the Dix Hills Board of Fire Commissioners.

Vehicle/Equipment

- It will be the operator's responsibility to check for and replace any used equipment. If a certain piece of equipment cannot be replaced for any reason, it will be the operator's responsibility to inform the district manager , for the Board of Fire Commissioners and Chief of Department, the equipment shortage. The vehicle shall be equipped in compliance with Article 30, Part 800, of the New York State Department of Emergency Medical Services. All other required equipment shall be determined by the Dix Hills Fire Department Chief of Department.

Policies and Procedures

1. 2-8-10 shall immediately respond on all activations within the boundaries of the Dix Hills Fire District. Other responses shall be at the discretion of the IC.

2. EMS alarms shall be the priority for 2-8-10. All 2-8-10 responses shall occur from vehicles that are in compliance with Article 30, Part 800, of the New York State Department of Emergency Medical Services.

3. In the event of concurrent multiple alarms, 2-8-10 shall response to the alarm with the highest priority for emergency medical services.

4. EMS Response:

- Size-up and initial patient assessment.
- Initiate Incident Command System until relieved by a superior department member.
- Initiate patient stabilization and / or patient triage.
- Support and relay information about scene and patient status to incoming personnel.
- Initiate patient disentanglement and patient extrication as necessary.
- Maintain patient standard of care to highest level of certification.
- Transport patient/patients or chauffeur ambulance as necessary.
- Secure, re-stock and check equipment as needed.

5. Structural Firematic Response:

- Size-up of scene.
- Initiate Incident Command System until relieved by a superior department member.
- ***Imminent Life Hazard***
- Follow Dix Hills Fire Department SOP 803 (Basic Ladder Company Operations) acting as the Forcible Entry and Can positions.
- ***Non-imminent Life Hazard***
- Follow Dix Hills Fire Department SOP 803 (Basic Ladder Company Operations) acting as OV and Roof positions maintaining exterior positions until manpower satisfies NFPA 1500.

6. Non-structural Firematic Response:
- Size-up of scene.
- Initiate Incident Command System until relieved by a superior department member.
- Operate and assist as determined by the following factors:
- Responding manpower and apparatus.
- Hazards and dangers to property and environment.