It will be the policy of the Dix Hills Rescue Squad to maintain the highest level of patient care available to our patients. This will be followed for all patients and their treatment. The Dix Hills Rescue Squad will follow all laws issued by the State of New York regarding emergency medical care and service.

The rescue squad will maintain its state certification and abide by all rules and regulations which follow this certification. At all times the patient shall receive care equal to or greater than provided by a state certified EMT-D. When a patient requires care further than standard basic life and no ALS Provider is present, /and the District Medic is unavailable the officer in charge of the patient will call the dispatcher for a general reactivation of the alarm for an ALS Provider immediately. The officer in charge will also determine the immediate need for transportation versus the delay for ALS. It is ***mandatory*** that the patient's care is not compromised while waiting for ALS. This decision will be made solely by the ranking medical officer at the scene who is providing patient care. Remember, New York State has vested each member with the responsibility of patient care.

The crew responding to any rescue alarm may consist of valid card holding rescue squad members, a qualified driver, and a non-rescue squad member (NRSM). Card holding squad members shall be given responding priority on all alarms. The maximum number of people permitted on the ambulance is five. If there are more than five qualified people, the fifth person shall be, in order, an ALS candidate student, a rescue squad observer, and finally, the NRSM.

The OIC of the ambulance, the senior medical person, shall direct the NRSM in assisting the rescue crew from the time of initial response through to the time the unit is deemed back is service. The NRSM shall be currently certified in both CPR and First Aid and have authorization from the captain of rescue. The NRSM shall adhere to SOP 102 for rescue drivers. No fire gear shall be worn in the back of the ambulance if the crew actively leaves quarters for a known rescue alarm.

Drivers for the rescue squad shall maintain current knowledge of the location of rescue squad equipment on qualified ambulances. The driver of the ambulance shall work with the medical crew in a cohesive and productive manner to ensure proper patient care and expeditious transport to the hospital.