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D-23 DISPATCH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS TO STAND BACK**PURPOSE:**

This procedure is intended to set guidelines for dispatching fire and emergency medical resources to requests from law enforcement to stage for incidents that do not have a reported known injury. This is intended to help ensure fire and paramedic unit availability by reducing standby time at incidents when no known injury exists.

This procedure is restricted to law enforcement requests that would require fire or EMS resources to stage, such as: Assault in progress, fight in progress, domestic violence, or threatened suicide with unknown means. In the event a reporting party is transferred to a fire dispatcher, EMD procedures will be used in place of this policy.

PROCEDURE STEPS:

1. Law enforcement agencies request to standby or respond to threatened suicide, assault in progress, fight, or domestic violence.
2. Fire dispatcher will ask "Is there a victim known to have injuries?". If threatened suicide, also ask "Is the intended means of injury known?".
3. If answer to both questions is "No" or "Unknown":
 - a. Advise law enforcement dispatchers to call us back if they locate a patient, and we will then dispatch units. Do not dispatch units unless it is reported that someone requires medical attention.
 - b. Record the request in the CAD using the "Transferred Call" feature.
4. If answer is "Yes", or the means of intended injury is known:
 - a. Dispatch units, responding to staging if requested by law enforcement.
 - b. Determine if law enforcement units have arrived at scene.

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