



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Snow Emergency Plan Implementation

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As the winter season has arrived there may be situation/status to implement the state “Snow Emergency Plan” (**SEP**) This plan is authorized by the MD State Police (MSP) in consultation with state and local agencies. When this plan is activated, it shall be announced via the ECC. The following impacts will occur relative to operations within the DFEMS system.

1. Activation of the Snow Emergency Plan (SEP) phase one shall trigger a “countywide” Blue Alert for EMS transport destinations. (if not already in place)
2. A phase one SEP and greater shall require the dispatch of a 4-wheel drive unit on all EMS responses. The specific unit type will be at the discretion of each station but shall be a minimum of a 4x4 utility vehicle.
3. Stations are encouraged to establish an in-station duty crew whenever the SEP is activated.
4. Prior to the SEP activation a blue alert may be initiated by the on-duty OPS-101/shift commander at their discretion based upon information/assessment.