



## ROWAN COUNTY EMS

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## RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

### INCIDENT COMMAND

The goals are to work smoothly on the scene with other agencies and give efficient care to patients.

- The first unit on the scene at a multi-casualty incident shall work as a team to triage all patients until further help arrives.
- Contact ROWAN Communications and ask for specific resources you anticipate will be required. For example, Rowan Rescue for extrication and two BLS units for transport.
- At automobile accidents the fire department on the scene may call command. If they do not, EMS should assume command until relieved.
- Typically, the supervisor or assistant supervisor will arrive and take Medical Sector command and coordinate scene operations with the Incident Commander.
- The supervisor will designate an operations channel for EMS crews assigned to the incident. Use this frequency rather than EMS Dispatch.
- Depending on the scope of the incident, the following sectors may be used.

Medical	Coordinates all requests from field personnel for additional support. Receives and manages information from Triage, Treatment, Transportation and Staging Sectors.
Triage	May be in combination with Treatment. In large incidents Triage may move among the injured checking and applying triage tags.
Treatment	Marked area which receives injured patients. Patients are reassessed and treated until transported.
Transportation	In consultation with Triage, sends patients to appropriate facilities. Matches patients with ambulance and crew able to manage their needs. May also contact the receiving hospital with reports on incoming patients.

INCIDENT COMMAND (continued)

- Staging                      At large incidents incoming apparatus and ambulances are staged outside the main incident to avoid access and egress problems. Function is often performed by the fire service.
- LZ                              Selects and sets up landing zone. Coordinates with fire apparatus and helicopter.
- Communications              At large incidents an on scene telecommunicator may handle all radio traffic. Radio channels and frequencies will be assigned as needed.
- At many smaller incidents one or more of these sectors may be handled by one person. For example, on traffic accidents with 3 or 4 victims the supervisor may function as Medical Sector, Transportation and Staging.