


Ocean City Fire Department
FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO ALL OCFD Personnel

FROM Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers, Jr. 

SUBJECT Use of PPE on High Priority Patients

Effective immediately, when units respond to high priority EMS calls (reported cardiac/respiratory arrest, multi-system traumas, ...) where it cannot be determined if the patient was displaying signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the current medical emergency, OCFD providers shall:

- The initial crew shall utilize PPE as previously defined – gloves, eye protection, N95 mask, face shield and gowns. The initial crew is the first unit on scene. If the first unit on scene was an engine staffed by volunteer members, the first on scene medic unit will also utilize the PPE ensemble specified above.
- Other than in the above situation, only a single provider from the second on scene unit shall utilize the above PPE ensemble and engage in patient care. All other providers shall use N95 mask, gloves and eye protection and maintain an appropriate social distance. If it is determined additional providers are needed to treat or move the patient, those individuals will then need to don the complete PPE ensemble.

This is being done in order to assist in preserving critical PPE for use by OCFD personnel.