



**FCM 080-2016**

**FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 29, 2016  
**TO:** Operations Division Personnel  
**THROUGH:** Eric Tade, Chief of Department *CD for ECT*  
Todd Bower, Deputy Chief of Department *CD for TAB*  
**FROM:** Charlie Drennan III, Division Chief, Operations *CD*  
**SUBJECT: MED UNIT STAFFING**

The Medical Unit (MED1) will be staffed beginning July 1, 2016. It is expected that MED1 will be staffed over the summer months on Friday and Saturday nights from 1600-0400. We are expecting to staff this resource over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend as well. The continued monitoring and analysis of the staffing time frames and days will take place to ensure that optimal utilization is maintained.

The Unit will run out of Station 4 and will be assigned as a priority response unit for medical calls and other call types as may be deemed appropriate. MED1's response area encompasses roughly a triangle between Stations 1, 4, and 8. MED1 will not respond to fire calls. MED1 will not be dispatched to cardiac arrests or situations where it is determined that four-person staffing is required for patient care or safety concerns.

In order to be considered to work on the Med Unit, members are directed to "sign up Med Unit" in TeleStaff, similar to signing up available for regular backfill overtime. Currently, these hours worked will not count against the members' full or partial shift overtime buckets.

The decision on which rank to hire will be done similarly to the regular backfill overtime. The Shift Commander will be responsible for the tracking and staffing.

If the decision is made to hire a Firefighter to work on the Med Unit and act in the capacity of Officer or Engineer, it shall be the member's responsibility to ensure that they have the necessary training and certifications required. Currently only 1<sup>st</sup> grade Firefighters will be allowed to act in the capacity of Officer (any first grade Firefighter hired after the class of 10-01 is required to complete the Acting Officer Handbook prior to being eligible to act as an officer), and all Firefighters 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who possess a Denver Fire Department driver's license and have been certified to act on a Department apparatus are allowed to act as Engineer.

Please forward any questions, concerns, or feedback to the Operations Division.

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DISPOSITION: Read at Roll Call for three (3) consecutive shifts.

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