

# Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

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## Standard Operating Guideline – 20-01

### Operational Directive Concerning reducing member exposures for non-medical responses

**Purpose:** This Directive is to minimize potential exposures to possible Coronavirus 2019 Disease Patients

**Scope:** All fire department personnel.

When Little Creek Fire Company is dispatched to a non-medical emergency. The following steps will be taken to minimize the risk of exposure to all members.

1. Incidents where there is no evident emergency such as a Fire Alarm, CO Alarms or investigation.
  - a. The first unit will position as normal
    - a. Only 2 members will enter the structure or confined area. They will be wearing full turn-out gear
    - b. The OIC will have a high suspicion of any structure that is occupied and will maintain social distancing while the occupants are screened. If the Screening is negative than units will operate as normal.
  - b. All other arriving units will go into level 1 staging (Either 1 block away or on the Main Rd)
  - c. The Officer in Charge will only send additional manpower into the structure to perform investigation.
    - a. If requested by the interior crew
    - b. The structure is too large to be searched in a timely manner.
  - d. If the incident becomes an active emergency found during the investigation all members will operate as normal.
  - e. If the OIC learns while on scene that a COVID-19 positive person is on site. Then anyone entering the structure will wear full SCBA.
    - a. All gear and equipment will be gross decontaminated on scene before leaving.
2. Incidents that an emergency is in progress such as a structure fire, active gas leak, vehicle accident etc.
  - a. All units will operate as normal.
    - i. The OIC will have a high suspicion of any structure or vehicle that is occupied and will maintain social distancing while the occupants are screened.
  - b. If it is discovered a possible COVID-19 or positive COVID-19 patient is on scene universal precautions will be used on dealing with that person. As outlined in SOG 20-02
  - c. During the demobilization phase
    - i. All Equipment will be either wiped down with sani-wipes or washed with soap and water.