

2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Medical Services

REQUEST NO.: 4

REQUESTED BY: Houston

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REQUEST: Please provide the volume of calls per priority for FY 2016.

RESPONSE: The table below provides the volume of calls per priority for FY 2016. In addition, the following page includes a description of each priority call type for a point of reference and lists some of the major emergencies that fall under each priority.

Fiscal Year	Incident Priority	ATCEMS Incidents	Medical Incidents with AFD
FY2016	Priority 1	8,639	8,606
	Priority 2	24,356	24,204
	Priority 3	22,634	7,886
	Priority 4	42,598	13,627
	Priority 5	12,153	1,368
FY2016 Total		110,380	55,691

Priority 1

- Cardiac Arrest – Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Respiratory Arrest – Ineffective Breathing
- Allergic Reaction with Ineffective Breathing
- Hanging
- Unconscious Patients for any reason i.e Assault, Burns, Drowning, Electrocutation, Fall, Overdose
- Rescue Calls – Water, High Angle and Wilderness

Priority 2

- Headache with Paralysis, Change in Behavior or Slurred Speech
- Penetrating Trauma – Gun Shot Wound (GSW) or Stabbing
- Auto versus Pedestrian
- Motorcycle Traffic Accident
- Rollover Accident
- Allergic Reaction
- Animal Bites
- Assaults with injuries to the Head or Neck
- Difficulty Breathing
- Toxic Inhalation
- Chest Pain
- Overdose / Poisoning
- Choking
- Seizures – Continuous or Multiple, Pregnancy and Diabetic History
- Not Alert – Diabetic Emergency, Electrocutation and Heart Problems
- Obstetrical – Imminent, High Risk Complications and Breech
- Suspected Stroke

Priority 3

- Abdominal Pain – Fainting Males greater than 50 and Women between 12-50
- Back Pain with Fainting or Difficulty Breathing
- Burn Patients – Facial Burns, Greater than 18% of Body
- Seizures with Breathing verified
- Heart Problems – Cardiac History, Ingestion of Cocaine
- Hemorrhage – Dangerous or through a tube
- Psychiatric Emergency – Not Alert or with a Dangerous Hemorrhage
- General Sickness with Altered Level of Consciousness
- Syncope (Fainting) – Not Alert
- Unknown – Unable to verify breathing or movement

Priority 4

- Traffic Accidents
- Assaults – Possible Dangerous Body Area or Serious Hemorrhage
- Burn Patients without Priority Signs or Symptoms
- Seizures – Less than 6 years old not Seizing and confirmed Breathing
- Near Drowning – Alert and Breathing still in the water
- Fall – Less than 6 Feet and No Priority Signs or Symptoms
- Environmental Exposure – Hot or Cold with Change in Skin Color
- Psychiatric Emergency – Threatening Suicide

- Penetrating Trauma – Non recent or Peripheral Wound
- Injuries – Not Dangerous Body Areas
- Unknown – Medical Alarms with a Patient

Priority 5

- Bite – Non Recent or Not Dangerous Body Area
- Assault – Non Recent or Not Dangerous Body Area
- Burns – Minor
- Chest Pain – Breathing Normally and less than 35
- Choking – Not Choking now and breathing confirmed
- Near Drowning – Alert and Breathing out of the Water
- Fall – Non Recent or Not Dangerous Body Area
- Hemorrhage – Not Dangerous and No Priority Signs or Symptoms
- Poisoning without Priority Signs or Symptoms
- Pregnancy – Water has Broken No Contractions
- Psychiatric Emergency – Non-Suicidal and Alert
- General Sickness – Non Priority Signs or Symptoms