CODING CORNER: ASSISTING AN EMS CREW

The difference between Assisting an EMS Crew and running and EMS call (321-324) is patient care. If your department is not providing patient care, that is an Assist. (This includes Lift Assists.)

These incidents must include a Basic module, and you may optionally complete an EMS module. Completing an Apparatus/Personnel module is also highly encouraged.

If a Fire Service Casualty (injury or fatality) from your department occurs during the call, a Fire Service Casualty module is mandatory.

Incident Type: 311 – Medical Assist, assist EMS Crew

Example of Action(s) Taken: 73 – Provide Manpower

Basic Module
The below area all required fields when completing the Basic Module, but it is always recommended to fill out all fields for a comprehensive incident report.

- Dates & Times: Alarm, Arrival, and Last Unit Cleared dates/times are always required
- Mutual Aid: If you are assisting another fire department and you both make the scene, report Aid Given. If you are assisting an independent EMS company that is not affiliated with a fire department, report None
- Resources (Complete an Apparatus/Personnel module for more detail)
- Property Use

EMS Module (Optional)
If you opt to complete this module, you must complete the required sections:

- Number of Patients/Patient Number – If there is more than one patient, a separate EMS module should be completed for each patient.) The first patient should always be coded as “001,” with each succeeding patient number following sequentially. (Example: 002, 003, etc.)
- Provider Impression/Assessment – check only one box. If there was no patient upon arrival or the patient refuses treatment, check “None/no patient or refused treatment”
- Age or Date of Birth – While not required with in the EMS module, it should be noted that if you choose to use it, you must pick one or the other, but not both.
- Initial Level of Provider

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the NFIRS administrator by email at NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov or by phone at 360-596-3924.