



CODING CORNER: ASSISTING AN EMS CREW

The difference between Assisting an EMS Crew and running an 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 within 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.