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**1.0 Purpose:**

- 1.1 To provide a more safe environment for medical and other first responders when responding to “high-risk” calls.

**2.0 Procedure:**

- 2.1 The EHS Medical Communications Centre evaluates all calls to establish any indicators that require medical first responders to stage (stop, not approach, out of line of sight of the scene without driving by) away from the scene. If risk indicators are identified:
  - 2.1.1 The request for medical first response will be put on hold by the EHS Medical Communications Centre until the scene is deemed safe by the local police agency.
  - 2.1.2 Medical first responders already responding will be directed to stage away from the scene and await the arrival of a police presence to secure the scene before making patient contact(s).
- 2.2 The decision to stage is made with responder safety as the foremost consideration. When requested to stage, medical and other responders should not be within visual distance of the call location (scene).
- 2.3 Medical and other first responders should not proceed to the call location, even if the police are present.
- 2.4 Medical and other first responders should await direction from the EHS Medical Communications Centre or police on scene that the area has been secured and it is safe to enter.

2.5 Any medical or other first responder who feels there is a need to stage, but has not been directed to do so, shall:

2.5.1 Communicate their concerns via TMR to the EHS Medical Communications Centre;

2.5.2 Request that the police are notified to secure the scene;

2.5.3 Stage at a safe distance from the scene and await clearance to enter.