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A. Officers should continuously monitor fire and EMS frequencies while on patrol, and be prepared to respond to the location of the incident to offer assistance to the public and the fire department. The decision to respond to the scene of a fire or EMS call will rest with the individual officer unless the following conditions apply:

1. The officer is dispatched to the scene of a fire or EMS call.
2. The officer is given an order to respond to the scene by a supervising officer.
3. The officer has knowledge of the call, is within his jurisdiction, and is qualified to assist in the call (i.e. first aid, CPR, traffic control).

B. Officers should be mindful that the police department provides dispatch services to other police and fire agencies. A coordinated effort among radio users will enhance the department's ability to provide services to the public.

C. Unless criminal activity is involved, officers assisting in fire or EMS calls shall coordinate their efforts through the fire department supervisor in charge of the scene.