

# Madison County Department of Emergency Medical Services

## Standard Operating Guideline



<b>Title</b>	<b>Response to Potentially Violent Calls</b>
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### Purpose:

To establish a guideline for approaching a violent or potentially violent scene.

### Policy:

1. While en route, the crew will request the status of the Sheriff's units responding to the scene.
2. Personnel will not enter or approach the scene until cleared to do so by law enforcement authorities. The responding crew will turn off all emergency warning lights and sirens as they approach the designated staging area. Advise dispatch of the location you are staging and await law enforcement clearance to precede into the scene.
3. After entering the scene use caution not to disturb any forensic or physical evidence, which may not have been recovered by law enforcement authorities prior to the arrival of EMS personnel. Notify Law Enforcement if any items were moved. Document the item, its location, and why you had to move it.
4. Always maintain safety for yourself and your partner.