

EMS OPERATIONS

Deployment of emergency medical services

NFPA 1710 states that emergency medical services must be deployed within:

- Four or fewer minute **response time** *The time that begins when units are en route to the emergency incident and ends when units arrive at the scene. for **first responders** Functional provision of initial assessment (i.e. airway, breathing, and circulatory systems) and basic first-aid intervention, including CPR and automatic external defibrillator capability. with **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** A device that administers an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart using built-in computers to assess the patient's heart rhythm and defibrillate as needed. Audible and/or visual prompts guide the user through the process., 90% of time*
- Four or fewer minute response time for **Basic Life Support (BLS)** *Functional provision of patient assessment, including basic airway management; oxygen therapy; stabilization of spinal, musculo-skeletal, soft tissue, and shock injuries; stabilization of bleeding; and stabilization and intervention for sudden illness, poisoning and heat/cold injuries, childbirth, CPR, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) capability. deployment, 90% of the time*
- Eight or fewer minute response time for **Advanced Life Support (ALS)** *Functional provision of advanced airway management, including intubation, advanced cardiac monitoring, manual defibrillation, establishment and maintenance of intravenous access, and drug therapy. deployment, 90% of time*