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</p><p>Why do I get a fire engine when I call 911 for an ambulance?</p><p style="text-align: justify; padding-left: 30px;">A fire engine will respond with the ambulance on ♦serious♦ or ♦critical♦ medical emergencies. A fire engine comes along with an ambulance for safety and manpower. We plan for the worst and hope for the best when responding to a call. Also, the closest ambulance is dispatched to answer your call; however, it is imperative that emergency medical help arrive on the scene as soon as possible. Since ambulances may be transporting other patients or completing duties at the hospital, it is likely that a fire engine will be closer to the call. Therefore, the nearest fire engine \(with medical equipment and EMTs\) is dispatched with the ambulance. \(Back to Top</p><p>Can I get my blood pressure checked at the fire station? </p><p style="text-align: justify; padding-left: 30px;">Yes. We offer this service free at all fire stations in the Town. Please recognize that, from time to time, our personnel might be absent from the station due to emergency calls or training activities. \(Back to Top</p><p>Why was my ambulance ride to the hospital so bumpy and uncomfortable? </p><p style="text-align: justify; padding-left: 30px;">The patient cot has a thin, firm mattress that lays directly on an aluminum frame and provides very little comfort. Unfortunately, the cot must be firm in order for us to perform CPR on critically ill patients. In addition, we try to respond to medical emergencies as quickly as possible in order to provide timely, life-saving treatment. Consequently, this requires vehicles with good road-handling characteristics. If these large, heavy vehicles had a softer, more "spongy" suspension that would provide a smoother ride, they would not be safe to drive to the scene as quickly as possible. \(Back to Top</p><p>What is the difference between an EMT and Paramedic? </p><p style="text-align: justify; padding-left: 30px;">The difference between an Emergency Medical Technician \(EMT\) and a Paramedic is a matter of training. A Paramedic goes through more training and can provide a higher level of emergency care than an EMT. A Paramedic is an EMT. There are different levels of EMT training; EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Paramedic and Licensed Paramedic. Each level requires more training than the prior. \(Back to Top</p><p>Does the Fire Department have a Privacy Policy that protects patient information?</p><p style="text-align: justify; padding-left: 30px;">The Goffstown Fire Department has a Privacy Practices Policy that conforms the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Click here for the Policy. \(Back to Top</p><p>How does 911 know of permanent medical conditions or hazards at my address?♦</p><p style="margin-left: 30px;">The State of New Hampshire Department of Safety has released a form that can be completed and submitted to E911 so that they can supply emergency response personnel with any pertinent medical information in an emergency. You can find the](#Q1)**

form <a target="_blank" title="Automatic Location Information Worksheet"
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