

<b>Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department Medical Policy</b>	<b>300-09.01</b>
<b>No Treatment No Transport / Patient Determination</b>	<b>Last: 2024</b>
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## **POLICY**

This protocol refers to individual contacts not qualifying as patients. It is expected that a reasonable effort will be made to identify parties with acute illness or injuries. Adult parties indicating that they do not want assistance for themselves or dependent minors do not necessarily require documentation as patients (requiring VS and assessment). If there is limited or no interaction between the individual and KCKFD personnel, the individual is not considered a patient and a Street Sheet must be completed to record the details of the unique situation.

No protocol can anticipate every scenario and providers must use the best judgment based on available facts. When in doubt, treat the individual as a patient.

## **PATIENT DETERMINATION**

A patient is defined as an individual identified by EMS to meet any of the following criteria:

1. Person who activated 9-1-1 resources on their own behalf.
2. Person who has a physical complaint.
3. An individual specifically requests medical evaluation and/or care.
4. Person involved in an incident with potential for injury.
5. Person with altered mental status.
6. Person who is unconscious or has immediate history of syncope or seizure.
7. Person under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. Person who is deceased.
9. Person who demonstrates impaired psychiatric function or suicidal intent.

## **PRINCIPLES**

1. A person with decision-making capacity may refuse examination, treatment, and/or transport.
2. A determination must be made to identify individuals as patients.

## **DISPOSITION**

1. Applicable disposition options include:
  - A. Unit Disposition:
    - I. No Patient Contact

- II. No Patient Found
- III. Non-Patient Incident
- B. Patient Evaluation/Care:
  - I. Patient Support Services Provided
  - II. Not Applicable
- C. Crew Disposition:
  - I. Incident Support Services Provided (Including Standby)
  - II. Back In Service, No Care/Support Services Required
  - III. Back In Service, Care/Support Services Refused
- D. Transport Disposition:
  - I. Patient Refused Transport
  - II. No Transport
- E. Incident/Patient Disposition:
  - I. Patient Refused Evaluation, Care, and Transport
  - II. Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required

### **ASSESSMENT**

1. If an assessment is performed or vital signs obtained, the individual must be treated as a patient and a full PCR completed.
2. If an individual is determined not to be a patient, the evaluation and description of the situation that supports this determination must be documented in detail. This may be recorded in a Street Sheet.

### **DOCUMENTATION**

1. Determine the presence of injury/illness, including any alteration in LOC or mental status and any trauma or medical conditions that may be life-threatening. Document all observations.
2. Additional items required to be documented on the PCR or Street Sheet:
  - A. Names of witnesses, including all present KCKFD personnel.
  - B. Mental status of the patient (LOC, orientation, speech).
  - C. Any suspected or admitted use of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating agents.
  - D. Document any advice provided to the patient, parent, or guardian.
  - E. Narrative detailing incident, including an overall description and observed behaviors of the individual.
  - F. Document any contact with medical control, if applicable.
  - G. Signatures from KCKFD personnel to include the primary caregiver and witness.