

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## L-3 FIRST RESPONDER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. As the first person at the scene, the FR is responsible to provide stabilization and/or improvement of the patient's condition until the EMTs, higher level of care and/or transport vehicle arrive.
2. Some of the following activities may be necessary, depending on the emergency situation:
  - 2.1. Protect involved parties from approaching or passing traffic.
  - 2.2. Avoid any unnecessary blockage of the roadway.
  - 2.3. Summon appropriate help – EMTs, fire, police, etc.
  - 2.4. Gain access to the patient.
  - 2.5. Administer emergency medical care.
  - 2.6. Move the patient(s) if such movement is necessary.
  - 2.7. Solicit and direct help of bystanders.
  - 2.8. Control activities of bystanders.
3. The First Responder will provide what is needed at their level of training until qualified EMTs arrive.
4. When EMTs arrive, the First Responder will relinquish the patient to their care, assisting as necessary.
5. Once the First Responder has voluntarily started care, he/she should not leave the scene or stop care until a qualified and responsible person relieves him – EMT, police, etc.