

CHAPTER 37

VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

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37.01 ESTABLISHMENT. A volunteer rescue squad is hereby established, which shall be called the Oakland Rescue Squad.

37.02 PURPOSE. The Rescue Squad is established for the following purposes:

1. To provide emergency medical services within the scope of their authorization by the Iowa Department of Public Health.
2. To assist in the rescue of persons involved in accidents or fires.
3. To provide other assistance in time of fire, disaster or accidents requiring rescue services.
4. To encourage and promote training in the area of emergency medical care.

37.03 AUTHORITY. The Rescue Squad shall be equipped with rescue equipment as required by the State but not limited to such equipment. The service shall be operated in accordance with standards, rules and regulations approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health for their authorization level.

37.04 ACCIDENTAL INJURY INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure the City against liability for worker's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing, and medical attention for volunteer rescue squad members injured in the performance of their duties as rescue squad members whether within or outside the corporate limits of the City. All volunteer rescue squad members shall be covered by the contract.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 85.2, 85.61 and Sec. 410.18)

37.05 LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure against liability of the City or members of the rescue squad for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the performance of departmental duties within or outside the corporate limits of the City.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 670.2 & 517A.1)

37.06 TRAINING. All members of the Rescue Squad shall attend and actively participate in regular and special training drills or programs as required by State law and the Assistant Chief of the Ambulance Division.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])

37.07 COMPENSATION. Members of the Rescue Squad shall keep EMS certifications current and receive such compensation as shall be determined by resolution of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])

37.08 CALLS OUTSIDE FIRE DISTRICT. The Rescue Squad shall answer calls to emergencies outside the Fire District if the Fire Chief determines that such emergency exists and that such action will not endanger persons within the Fire District.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.4[2 & 3])

37.09 MUTUAL AID. Subject to approval by resolution of the Council, the rescue squad may enter into mutual aid agreements with other legally constituted rescue squads, fire departments or ambulance services. Copies of any such agreements shall be filed with the Clerk.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.4[2 & 3])

37.10 MEMBERSHIP. The Rescue Squad shall consist of volunteer persons who are in good health and at least 18 years of age. Members must be certified or in training to be certified to a level of care recognized by the Iowa Department of Public Health for emergency medical care. The Rescue Squad may adopt such rules and regulations as deemed advisable, not inconsistent with this Code of Ordinances, Fire Department rules, Council rules or the laws of the State.

37.11 OFFICERS. The Rescue Squad shall be under the authority of the Fire Chief and shall have such other officers as provided in the Constitution of the Rescue Squad. The other officers shall be elected by the members of the Rescue Squad.

37.12 FEES ESTABLISHED. The fees for the department's service within or without the City shall be established by the Rescue Squad and approved by resolution of the Council.

37.13 CALCULATION OF FEES. The Rescue Squad shall calculate and render bills for ambulance service and all reasonably related services rendered pursuant to the schedule of fees fixed by the Council.

37.14 PAYMENT OF FEES. All ambulance service fees and fees and charges for reasonably related emergency services shall be due and payable upon presentation of a statement for said fees and charges to the user and/or recipient of the service and shall be paid to the Rescue Squad.

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