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## Memorandum

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**To:** EMS Staff

**CC:** EMS Operations Coordinators, Telecommunications Staff

**From:** Roxann Heath

**Date:** 06/17/11

**Re:** **Effective Immediately Hunter's Interim Staging and Response  
Procedure during the Arrigoni Bridge Construction**

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Effective immediately staff must read and familiarize themselves with the company's response plan during the construction of the Arrigoni Bridge. Copies are posted at the base locations and in the front of the complex guidebooks of each ambulance. If you have any questions please contact and on duty supervisor.

Sincerely,

Roxann Heath

Sr. Operations Coordinator

Posted: 6/18/11

Remove: 11/30/12

**Effective Immediately Arrigoni Bridge Plan**



# Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc.

## Operational Plan

### Arrigoni Bridge Construction

June 2011- November 2012  
Estimated Time 555 day

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**Effective Immediately**  
**Interim Staging and Response Procedure**  
**For Portland during the Arrigoni Bridge Construction**

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<b>SUBJECT: PSA response to Portland and Arrigoni Bridge construction area response plan</b>		
<b>Issue Date: 6/20/11</b>	<b>Effective Date: 6/20/10</b>	<b>Distribution: See Below</b>

#### **BACK ROUND**

This construction project consists of the removal and replacement of some of the bridge components located within the two 600-foot-long river spans. Also included in this project are minor repairs to the Portland approach to the bridge. There is no work anticipated to be performed on the Middletown approach. During the 3 phases of construction outlined below, the traffic pattern on the bridge will be altered to 1 lane in each direction. The anticipation is that this alteration in traffic flow will cause major traffic congestion in the area surrounding the bridge, especially during the peak commuting time. These times have been designated as 0600 – 09:30 and 15:00 – 18:30 respectfully.

#### **Timeframes for construction**

The project is scheduled for duration of 555 days resulting in a construction completion date of November 14, 2012. Construction will be performed in three stages as follows:

Stage 1 - Remove and replace south portion of bridge deck and south sidewalk.  
June 14, 2011 – November 30, 2011

Stage 2 “Boat Stage” - Remove and replace center portion of bridge deck.  
December 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012

Stage 3 - Remove and replace north portion of bridge deck and north sidewalk.  
May 1, 2012 – October 1, 2012

Hunters Ambulance has been working with the Portland Fire Department to develop a modified response plan during the construction project. As a result the following procedure has been developed. It should be understood that this construction schedule and interim response plan may change after the project is underway. We will advise and update staff when and if there are any changes.

## **PROCEDURE**

### **Staging**

Hunters Ambulance will make every attempt to position an ambulance on the Portland side of the bridge during peak commuting times. This vehicle shall be dispatched to stage at the Portland Fire Department Company 2, 594 Main Street so they can be in place at 05:30 and 14:30 respectfully.

### **Access to Company 2 and Portable Radio Procedures**

Access to Company 2 is by keypads located next to each door, the code is 412. Once inside crews are to obtain one of the marked portable radios located in the department radio room.

Once crews obtain their radio, they are to contact Portland's dispatch center to inform them they are covering. Communications are to be in the following format:

- Portland Fire Dispatch, Hunters Papa 123 is at Company 2 for coverage.

Upon clearing town coverage crews are to advise Fire Dispatch:

- Portland Fire Dispatch, Hunters Papa 123 is clearing town coverage.

Please return the portable to the radio room and place it in the charger before leaving. Crews are to make every effort to hand over the portable radio to a Portland Fire Officer while on scene so it can be returned to Company 2 in a timely fashion.

These radios are intended to allow crews to monitor for calls and to provide information to Fire Command in the event of an incident in the area of the bridge.

### **Requests for Ambulance Response**

**Requests for an ambulance response will be handled according to current procedures.**

**Crews are not to respond to incidents unless they are dispatched by our own Dispatch Control.**

### **RESPONSES TO INCIDENTS ON THE BRIDGE**

Portland has developed a modified single engine response plan for emergencies on and in the area of the bridge. The Duty Officer or Chief Officer responsible for the incident shall request additional equipment as necessary. Crews are directed to respond to the scene using extreme caution and to respond in a non-emergency mode when in the one way traffic pattern.

**NO LIGHTS OR SIRENS SHOULD BE USED WHILE OPERATING IN THE MODIFIED TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE BRIDGE.**

Responses onto the bridge are at the discretion of the Incident Commander on scene. It is entirely possible that staging areas off the bridge will be used and that equipment and personnel shall be walking onto the bridge to access the incident.

During all responses on the bridge, or in the area of the bridge crews are required to wear their traffic safety vests while out of the vehicle. This will also include any staging area. Crews will operate in accordance with established safety policies and at the direction of Fire Personnel on scene.

### **Traffic flow Monitoring**

Transportation Supervisors will be able to access the traffic cameras located at each end of the bridge to monitor traffic conditions and to assist crews plan alternate routes for responses.

In the event of a Priority transport from the Portland area to Middlesex Hospital, prior to leaving the scene crews are to contact the Dispatch Center to review the traffic conditions on and around the bridge and to get assistance in developing alternate routes if needed.

### **SUGGESTED ALTERNATE ROUTES**

These routes are published by ConnDOT as part of their traffic management program.

#### **From West of Connecticut River to East of River**

- Route 9 north to I-91 north to Route 3, Putnam Bridge, to Route 2 east to Route 17 or 66.
- Route 9 south to Route 82, East Haddam Swing Bridge, to Routes 149 and 151

#### **From East of Connecticut River to West of River**

- Route 2 west to Route 3 Putnam Bridge to I-91 south
- Routes 149 or 151 south to Route 82 over East Haddam Swing Bridge to Route 9

#### **Route 9 southbound delays into Middletown area**

- Route 9 Exit 19 (Route 372) take right onto Route 372 then left onto Route 3 or Route 217 to Route 66
- Route 9 to I-91 Exit 20S for points south or Exit 20N for points north including Portland

#### **Route 9 Northbound delays into Middletown area**

- Local road access into Middletown from Exit 12, Bow Lane. End of ramp take left onto Bow Lane then a right onto Saybrook Road and continue onto Main Street or to Routes 17 or 66.
- Access into Middletown from Exit 11, Route 155 Randolph Road. Left at end of ramp continue on Route 155 and right onto Route 17 north to Route 66

#### **Route 66 delays into Portland area**

- Access via local roads or route 17 Gospel Lane to Route 17A, Main Street

Crews are reminded that any problems or concerns regarding this response plan should be directed to an Operations Coordinator for follow up.