

	CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures	Initial:
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	Subject: Assault	

ASSAULT

- A. Assault is defined as a situation where someone has been placed in fear by threat of violence, or when someone has been struck or injured by another person.
- B. In many assault complaints the victim and the offender are often known to each other. This can aid the dispatcher in gathering information about the call. The dispatcher must be alert for clues indicating that the incident may involve a crime other than or in addition to the actual assault. Proper questioning of the caller or witness may reveal that the assault was incidental to an attempt to commit a more serious crime such as rape, murder, robbery or other crimes. Any additional information that the dispatcher can provide to the officer may aid in their perception of the series of events upon their arrival, aid in a quicker apprehension of the offender, and enhance officer safety.
- C. The dispatchers should be aware that in some instances the caller might not offer much information. This could be due to fear of reprisal, reluctance to testify or prosecute the offender, or they may be trying to protect the offender.
- D. For incidents of assault the dispatchers will obtain as much information as possible to include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Location of the incident, victim and suspect.
 - Is the incident in progress or has there been a time lapse?
 - Does the caller know the suspects?
 - What type of weapons, if any, is involved?
 - Are there any injuries? How severe? How many?
 - Have the suspects left the scene? Direction and method of travel? Vehicle description and license number?
- E. The appropriate police department (and EMS service if required) will be dispatched. The dispatch of further emergency service responders will be done at the request of the police department.
- F. The dispatchers should attempt to keep the caller on the line so the situation can be continually assessed and further information can be given to responding police units.
- G. The dispatchers will run any vehicle information that was obtained from the caller and relay it to responding police officers (with the exception of PSP).

- H. BOLO or ATL information will be dispatched by radio as soon as possible. As time permits, the information will also be group faxed to county police departments.
- I. When there are multiple calls on the same incident where an assault has been reported, the Dispatchers are to obtain the name, telephone number and address of ***all callers***. Information on ***all*** persons who call regarding this type of incident is of extreme importance and may be critical information that is needed to aid in the officer's ongoing investigation and if the case goes to court.