

Section 10.8: Critical Incident Response Team Procedures

Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) is a university department that responds to incidents to aid students. It is our duty at Texas A&M EMS to contact CIRT in situations where a student will benefit from their aid. To ensure that CIRT is contacted at appropriate times, they have laid out general guidelines for the type of incidents they respond to. When needed, our contact point is UPD dispatch. They have the ability to activate CIRT. The following are guidelines of when to call and how to activate CIRT:

1. Situations to Contact CIRT:
 - a. Death of a student.
 - b. Ideation of or attempted suicide.
 - c. Life threatening illness or injury.
 - d. Sexual assault.
 - e. Psychiatric crisis.
 - f. Drug/Alcohol incidents.
 - g. Fire/Explosion with injury or damage.
 - h. Hate/Bias incidents.
 - i. Transportation accidents including, but not limited to, automobiles, airplanes, trains, and buses.
 - j. Any incident the dispatcher deems appropriate.
 - k. Any incident the medic crew deems appropriate.

2. In the event CIRT is required, the crew should be the one to activate them. If the dispatcher is required to activate CIRT, do the following:
 - a. Obtain the UIN and name of the patient over the phone or from the crew in person; this information should not be gathered over the radio. Ensure that the crew is not bothered while on-scene if at all possible. This takes the crew away from patient care.
 - b. Call UPD and advise that our ambulance is on a call that needs CIRT activated. Give the UPD dispatcher the UIN and name, along with the status of the patient and where they are being transported. Without this information, CIRT may not be able to respond.
 - c. It is not mandatory for UPD to respond to all incidents requiring CIRT. When contacting UPD, make sure that their dispatch is fully aware of what is requested.