

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

Standard Operating Guideline

Title: Rank

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I. POLICY:

It is the policy of LCEMS to maintain a high level of professionalism and coordination through the use of rank structure.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION:

LCEMS has a formal structure of responsible personnel within the department. Each level has its own level of responsibility and decision making capabilities. The symbols in use represent rank within the EMS department and are used as an easily recognized tool by outside agencies. All personnel will demonstrate a high-level of respect and subordination for higher ranking personnel. The hierarchy and symbols utilized are as follows:

1. Chief – EMS Chief – three stars
2. Deputy Chiefs – Administration and Operations – one star
3. Majors – Training/IQM Manager – oak leaf
4. Captains – Shift Supervisors, Special Ops, Education – two bars
5. Lieutenants – System Controllers – one bar
6. Sergeants – Qualified FTO's – chevrons

Officers will be addressed by their rank followed by their last name. For example, if Mary Smith were a Sergeant she would be addressed as Sergeant Smith.