

VCFD Medic Engine



A medic engine performs all the functions of a standard first-run engine, but is also capable of ALS (advanced life support) service. The firefighter assigned to a medic engine is a paramedic, trained and certified to perform ALS. The engine carries, in addition to the normal inventory of equipment, the specialized equipment and medical supplies the paramedic needs.

Medic engines do not transport patients. In the VCFD service area, that is the responsibility of private ambulance companies. Medic engines are designated by the "Paramedic" sign on their sides.

When a Strike Team of engines, either structural or brush, are sent out of the county, one of the engines will be a Medic unit for the safety of the firefighters on the assignment.

Staffing: Medic engines are staffed by a three-person crew, the same as an engine, except the firefighter is also trained as a paramedic.

Radio designation:

Medic engine + station number.

i.e.: Medic engine 34.