To: Heads of All Fire Departments

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Re: Coding Covid-19 Responses in MFIRS

The U.S. Fire Administration has put out guidelines to code COVID-19 (aka Coronavirus Disease-2019) calls.

Generally, the coding of COVID-19 incidents, suspected or confirmed, will not be any different than other types of incident coding.

BASIC MODULE
1. Incident Type (C): Document the type of situation found.
   a. Will usually be 311 – Medical assist or 321 – EMS call.
2. Fire Service Casualties (H1): Record Fire Service health exposures and potential health exposures in the injuries field.
   a. One Fire Service Casualty Module will need to be created for each injury/exposure listed.
3. Remarks: Clearly document the incident and identify COVID-19 in the narrative.

FIRE SERVICE CASUALTY (FSC) MODULE
This module can be used to capture incident scene exposures as a "first report" of contact with known or suspected COVID-19 cases. There are a few things to keep in mind:
1. The number of FSC modules must equal the number of Fire Service injuries listed on the Basic Module.
   a. For example, if there are 20 personnel on the scene who were exposed to COVID-19, then 20 individual FSC modules should be completed - one for every person on the scene.
2. Severity (G3) = 1 (report only, including exposures).
   a. May need to be changed if severity gets worse.
3. All required fields will need to be completed on the FSC module, including: gender, casualty number, age, date/time of injury, severity, etc.