



# Hillsborough County Fire Rescue

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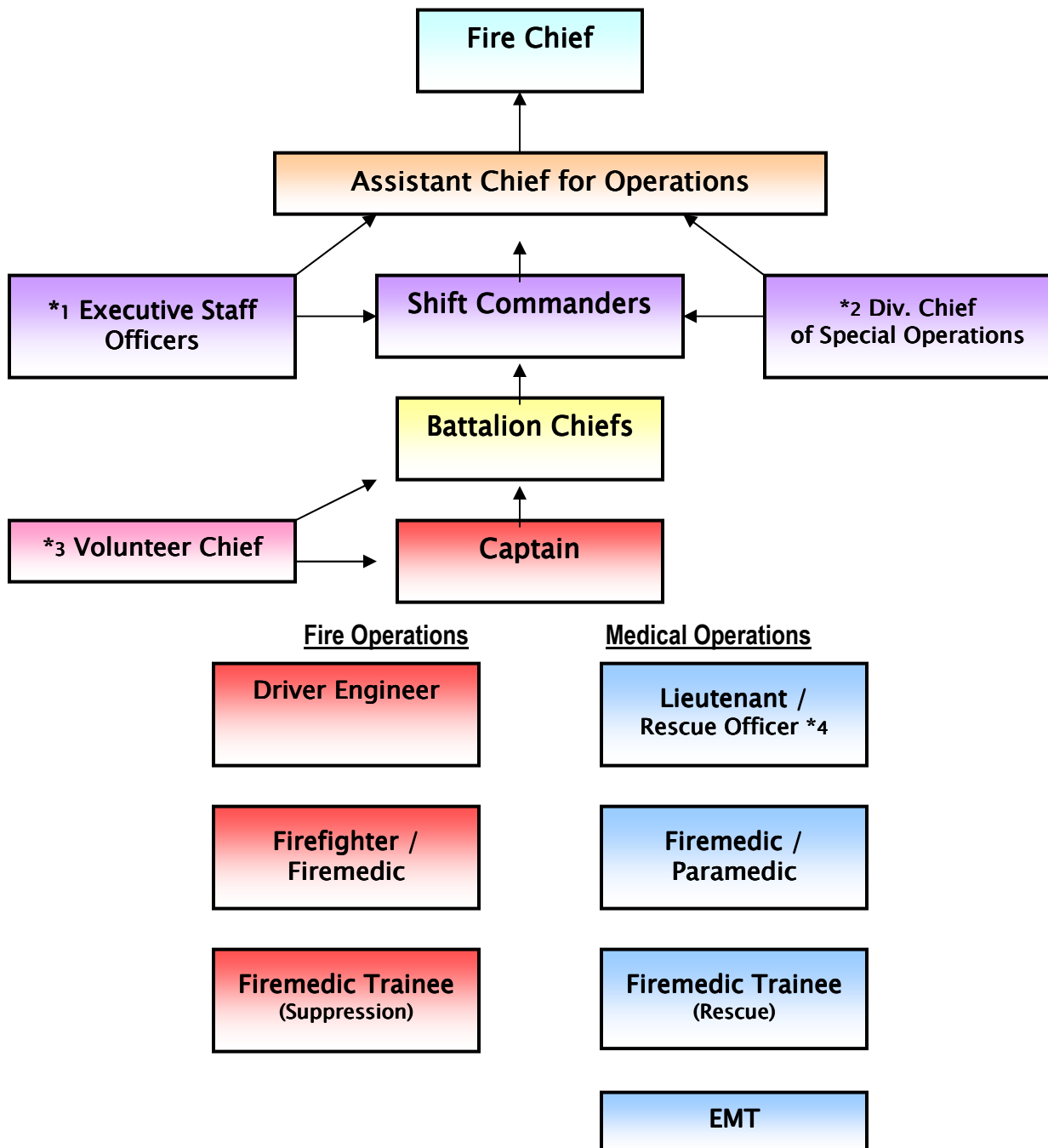
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1. All members working in the field and on any emergency scene will adhere to the following Chain of Command.





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2. (\*1) – Executive Staff Chief Officers arriving on the scene of an incident will report to the Incident Commander and fill in a position as directed by the I.C.
3. (\*2) – On incidents that would normally fall within the scope of Special Operations the Division, the Chief of Special Operations will report to the I.C. and in a mutual fashion decide upon the what role in the I.C.S. he/she will assume.
  - a. Ultimately on incidents that involve the release or potential release of hazardous substances, those involving technical rescue operations, or any other incident that would normally rely upon the special skills and/or knowledge of Special Operations personnel, the Division Chief of Special Operations has the authority to assume command if deemed necessary.
4. (\*3) – Volunteer Chief Officers, when within their primary response area only, will fall within the chain of command at the level between Battalion Chief and Captain.
  - a. Volunteer Chief Officers will respond outside of their primary response area as part of a requested apparatus crew and will assume the role of Company Officer falling within the chain of command at the level of Captain.
5. (\*4) – The Officer in Charge of the transporting ALS unit will retain full authority over and responsibility for patient care.
  - a. The only exception to this would be in the presence of a higher ranking fully qualified promoted officer who is willing to assume full patient care including transporting the patient to a receiving facility.