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There are reports being circulated about firefighters being quarantined due to potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The following is a synopsis of the events which have occurred over the past several days.

- There were 3 separate incidents in which there was contact with a patient which met the clinical criteria for a COVID-19 test. A total of 9 Salem Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics were involved.
- Out of an abundance of caution the 9 members were advised to self-quarantine based on the guidelines outlined by the Center for Disease Control.
- Some of the members selected to self-quarantine in their homes others were quarantined in one of our fire stations.
- On Sunday afternoon two of the members were cleared once test results were received.
  - Both have returned to full duty.
- This morning four members were cleared once test results were received.
  - All four have returned to full duty.
- Currently we have 3 firefighters in self-quarantine in one of our stations.
- The duty crew and apparatus from that station have been temporarily relocated to another facility in the same area of town to continue to provide services.

Emphasis should be made that NO members of Salem Fire have tested positive nor have they displayed any symptoms of illness. These actions were taken out of an overabundance of caution for the protection of our members, the other member of Salem Fire and the public we serve.

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