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Incident Coding for Power Lines

When coding for calls related to power lines you want to start with the Basic Module, C-Incident Type. Choose from

400 – Hazardous conditions (No Fire) or 300 – Rescue & Emergency Medical Service

From there you will choose from these codes:

371 – Electrocution or potential electrocution
372 – Trapped by power lines
400 – Hazardous condition, other
440 – Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other
444 – Power line down
445 – Arcing, shorted electrical equipment

Departments commonly will choose, 400 – Hazardous condition, other; which is NOT always the appropriate choice.

For instance:

You are toned out for a MVA with a telephone pole on the vehicle and an individual still inside surrounded by electrical lines. You would use:

372 – Trapped by power lines

You are toned out for a transformer sparking on the pole. You would use:

445 – Arcing, shorted electrical equipment

You are toned out for a power line down which has caused a fire to ignite in the grass.

143 – Grass fire

You are toned out for a wire down and the power line on the ground not arcing.

444 – Power line down

Out of the 3,059 power line calls, these are the totals for the year 2010 from January 1 to November 30, 2010:

371 – Electrocution or potential electrocution = 1
372 – Trapped by power lines = 5
400 – Hazardous condition, other = 435
440 – Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other = 373
444 – Power line down = 1,693
445 – Arcing, shorted electrical equipment = 552

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