City of Houston
Ebola Response

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EMS Medical Director
Public Health Authority
9–1–1 Call
HFD EMS Response
Coordination with Hospitals
Public Health
  ◦ Contact Tracking
  ◦ Unified Command
9–1–1 Call Taker

- Tiered Dispatch System
- Initial DispatchRemains Unchanged
- Supplemental questions
EMS Response

- Ambulance, Medic, Supervisor, Engine,
- Haz-Mat, Physician
- Full Airborne Protection
  - Ebola is NOT airborne
Why Airborne Level Protection?

- Most uncontrolled, unpredictable environment
- Hot, humid working conditions
- Decontamination procedures
Transfer of Care at Hospital

- Occurs at the Back Door of the Ambulance
- Hospital personnel in full PPE and control of the Hospital Environment
Port, Airport and Local Health Officials

- Coordination and Communication
- Pre-planning
- Response
- Jurisdictions
Public Health aka The Marathon

- Unified Command and the PHA
- Blood Samples and Testing
- Contact Tracking
- Quarantine Orders and Enforcement
- Waste Management
- Pretty Much Everything Else…