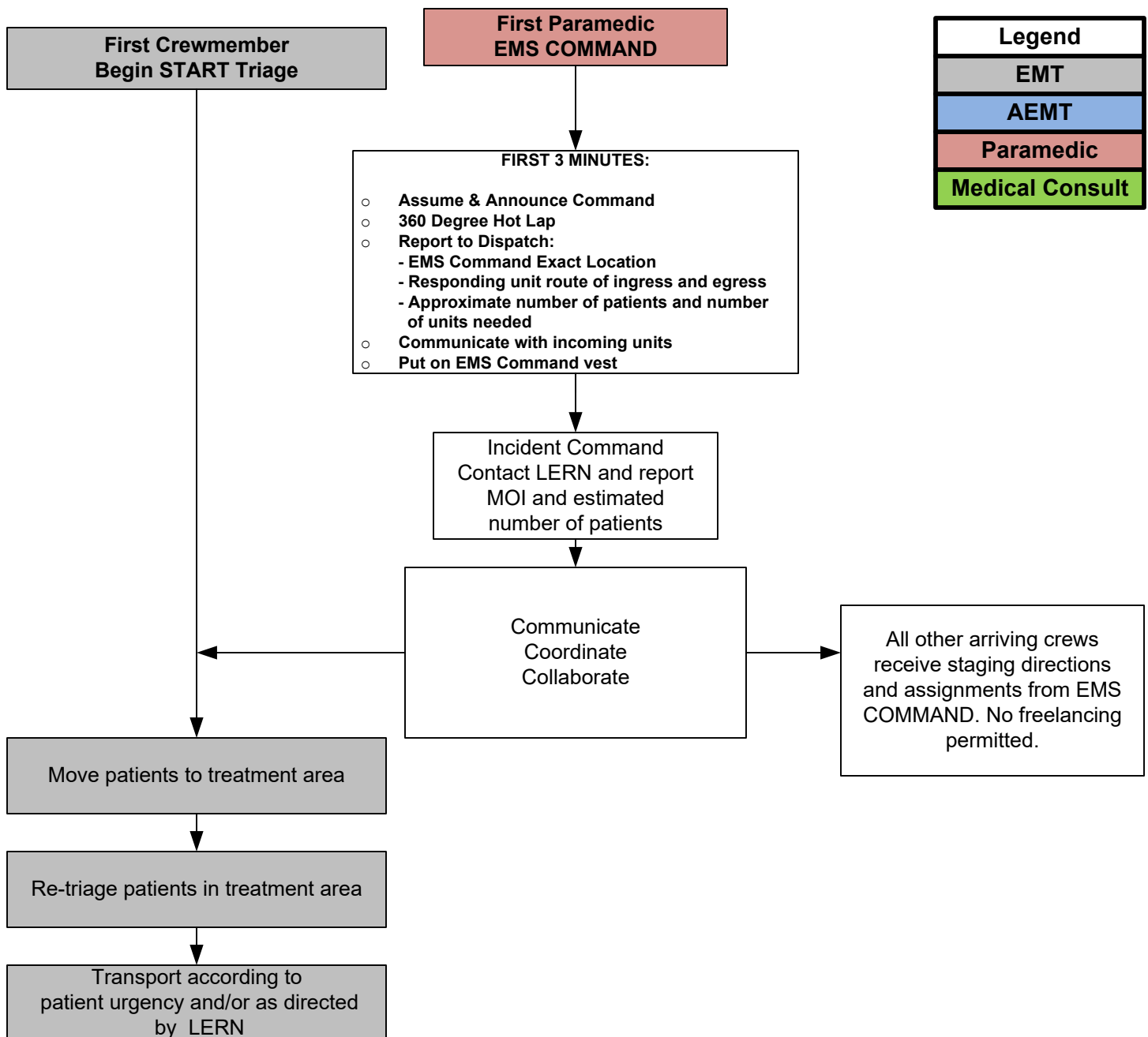


MCI RESPONSE



Pearls:

- For incidents involving 5 or more patients, LERN should be contacted as soon as practical with the location, mechanism of injury and an estimated number of patients. When possible, contact LERN with number of red, yellow, and green patients.
- If a Paramedic level unit is not the first unit on scene, the highest level provider on the first unit on scene will assume the role of EMS Command.
- EMS COMMAND tips: **Put on “EMS Command” vest**; remain visible and stationary; avoid task-level work; keep crews staged until assigned; prohibit freelancing; ensure all operations are performed safely; monitor work progress; and redirect activities as needed.
- Coordinate with receiving hospitals by radio to ensure that victim distribution is as even as practically possible.
- See **START TRIAGE Protocol and MASS CASUALTY RESPONSE Policy**.
- Follow safety and hazardous material precautions.
- Arriving crews will NOT initiate triage or treatment without contact with EMS COMMAND.
- Patient movement should be in “corridors” toward a treatment area in a safe zone.