

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

### AGENDA

Thursday, December 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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#### Committee members:

Monty Nye-chair, Jason Bestard, Bill Forbush, Jason MacDonald, Angela Madden, Ralph Ortiz, Brian Scribner, Aaron Sogge, Eric Snidersich, Chris Stoecklein, Brandon Whipple, Jeff White, Daryll Yarger.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Provider roles on agency rosters
  - b. Personal CO Detectors - Ralph Ortiz
5. **New Business**
  - a. Equipment checklist review with proposed equipment changes based on [protocol](#).
    - CPAP- Adult and small adult sizes on BLS, LALS and ALS vehicles. **Protocol 7-5.**
    - Waveform capnography (attached to the monitor or independent). LALS and ALS mandatory. MCA optional for BLS vehicles. **Protocol 7-9.**
    - Nasal cannula capnography device for waveform capnography. Discuss for use with medication and what sizes. LALS and ALS vehicles. **Protocol 7-24.**
    - Capnometry(Colorimetric or numeric). Mandatory for BLS vehicles & MFRs that have i-gel<sup>®</sup>. **Protocol 7-24.**
    - Et tubes compatible with MI MEDIC cards. All tubes must be cuffed.
    - Paper bags. **Protocol 2-15.**
    - Supraglottic airway per MCA selection. **Protocol 7-9.**
    - Impendence threshold device. MCA optional. **Protocol 7-11.**
    - Active compression-decompression device. MCA optional. **Protocol 7-30.**
    - Cricothyroidotomy will be MCA optional. **Protocol 7-9.**
    - 14-gauge needles for pleural decompression at least 3.5 inches in length or MCA approved commercial device. ALS vehicles. **Protocol 7-18.**
  - b. Other proposed changes
    - Replace "Long spine Immobilization device" with "extrication device on non-transport vehicles".
    - Remove short board (KED).
    - Change language from "means to defibrillate pediatric patients" to "means to appropriately defibrillate pediatric and infant patients (device, pads and product indications must support defibrillation of all pediatric patients)."

- Change “defibrillation pads (2 sets)” to “2 sets of adult pads (or combination pads when applicable to the device)” and “1 set of pediatric pads (when required by device for pediatric use)”.
- Add “The life support agency name is displayed prominently on the left and right side of the vehicle.” Rule 2184
- Clarify the different size of gloves needed.

c. Policies

- Inspection of accredited agencies
- Vehicle Inspection
- Vehicle addition

**6. Additional Items from Attendees**

**7. Adjourn**

**8. Next Meeting: TBD**



Bureau of EMS, Trauma & Preparedness Division of EMS & Trauma (DET) Policies & Procedures		EMS-201
Subject: EMS Life Support Agencies – Vehicle Additions		
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#### PURPOSE:

To establish a policy for the process of adding a new, higher license level, or replacement vehicle to an agency license.

#### POLICY:

Submission of a life support vehicle application to add a vehicle to a life support agency license is an attestation that the vehicle meets all minimum standards required by the Department in accordance with Section 333.20923(2) of the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978. Upon receipt of the completed application, the DET is required to inspect all vehicles that are being added to an agency license within 15 calendar days in accordance with Rule 190(c) of the Administrative Rules for EMS Life Support Agencies and Medical Control.

Therefore, when the State EMS Regional Coordinator schedules an inspection with the agency within the required 15 calendar days and the vehicle is not available to be inspected at the time of inspection, the vehicle application will be returned. A new application and licensing fee will be required to be submitted by the agency before a new inspection will be completed.

*Exception:* Replacement vehicles may be placed into service upon application and prior to an inspection. If a vehicle is removed from the license at the same time a new one of the same level is applied for, it is considered a replacement vehicle. If the replacement vehicle was in an accident and cannot be inspected, the life support agency must notify the Department. Upon re-application, the Department will waive the licensing fee, if evidence of the accident is provided.

Commented [FD(1)]: Clarification of replacement vehicles.



<b>Bureau of EMS, Trauma &amp; Preparedness Division of EMS &amp; Trauma Policies &amp; Procedures</b>		<b>EMS-205</b>
<b>Subject:</b> EMS Life Support Agencies – Vehicle <u>Availability for</u> Inspection		
<b>Supersedes #:</b>	<b>Previous Date:</b>	<b>Pages:</b>
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#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the inspection of vehicle(s) for life support agencies.

#### POLICY:

In accordance with Section 20910(1)(e)(iii), the Department is required to conduct random inspections of life support vehicles. ~~In addition, the Department may have to inspect a vehicle as part of a complaint investigation.~~

All vehicles that are currently listed on the life support agency license must be available for inspection. ~~If a vehicle is not operational, the life support agency must notify the Department by completing the "Vehicle Removal Application" in the online License Management System at the time that the vehicle has been taken out of service. Failure to do this, If not available this~~ could result in the vehicle being found non-compliant during a vehicle inspection. Accommodations are made for vehicles out on calls.

If MDHHS makes the determination that a vehicle is non-compliant with equipment items, the agency has 24 hours to bring the vehicle into compliance. If the life support vehicle is not brought into compliance within that time period, the vehicle will be taken out of service. If a life support vehicle remains out of compliance for more than 15 calendar days from the date of inspection, then the vehicle license shall be automatically revoked.

**Commented [DF1]:** I think the big point is having agencies realize that a vehicle that is not available will be treated the same as any other NC vehicle.