

AMBULANCE SUPPLY/EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

To establish minimum requirements for ambulance vehicles, equipment and supplies.

II. AUTHORITY

- A. California Administrative Code, Title 13, Chapter 2
- B. California Emergency Medical Services Authority
- C. Marin County Ambulance Ordinance

III. POLICY

- A. Vehicles
 - 1. Ambulance vehicles shall meet all standards specified in the California Administrative Code, including the possession of a valid emergency vehicle permit issued by the California Highway Patrol.
 - 2. Vehicles will be maintained cleanly and in good mechanical and body condition at all times.
 - 3. All ambulances will have adequate space in the patient care compartment as described in the Ambulance Ordinance.
 - 4. Equipment to enable communication with the County Communications Center, provider dispatcher and receiving hospital will be carried as follows:
 - a. All medical transport units will carry Marin MERA radios
 - b. Non-fire service units must have a company dispatch radio
 - c. Cell phones are optional and desired for triple redundant communications
- B. Safety Equipment: Safety Equipment to be carried on ambulances and maintained in good working order shall include all items listed in the California Administrative Code and recommended by the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Items recommended by the Authority are listed below:

1. Seat Belts - Two in rear compartment (one on bench)
 2. Heating and Air Conditioning in both the front and rear compartments
 3. Marin County map current within last two years
 4. Fire extinguisher with current annual inspection
- C. Emergency Care Equipment and Supplies: Ambulances will carry all items listed in the California Administrative Code, those recommended by the Emergency Medical Services Authority, and those required by the County of Marin. See Policy 5010.
- D. If staffed at an ALS level, ambulances must, in addition, carry drugs, solutions and equipment as listed in Policy 5010.
- E. If staffed at a Critical Care Transport level, ambulances must, in addition, carry drugs, solutions and equipment as listed in Policy 5011.