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Subject: Orange County EMS Policy Updates

Letter for Administrative Changes to Ambulance Policies and MED 9 Radio Requirement

The following policies have been updated in the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy & Procedure Manual:

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

The following policies have had administrative updates

Policy Updated	Comments
720.50 Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection	Section VIII. Vehicle Substitutions: Section deleted.
720.60 Ground Ambulance Provider Policies, Procedures, and Documentation	C. Dispatch: Section h Deleted- "MCI, Messaging and"
720.70 Ground Ambulance Communication Equipment	II. F.: Deleted "This dispatch MED-9 radio shall be tested initially by OCC, at the ambulance providers expense" IV. C. Deleted "In the case that any single Ground Ambulance unit has not achieved at least eighty percent (80%) compliance with their assigned radio test, OCEMS may require the provider to have OCSD/Communications perform a communication equipment inspection at the provider's expense." Addition "Each Ambulance that does not meet the compliance standards for the MED-9 radio check conducted by OCEMS may be required to have the radio re-checked by OCC at the ambulance provider's expense. Non-compliance is defined as failing to perform two (2) radio checks in one (1) calendar year from January 1 st through December 31 st ."

Current OCEMS Policies and Procedures can be found on our webpage:

<http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/policies/>