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Policy

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) ensures that Paramedic Services (PS) vehicles and equipment are maintained and compliant with the following standards:

- a) *Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services* as amended; and
- b) *Ontario Provincial Land Ambulance and Emergency Response Vehicle Standards*, as amended.

All ambulance and emergency response vehicles, patient care and accessory equipment used by the RRDSSAB Land Ambulance services is maintained in a safe operation, clean and sanitary condition, and in a proper working order.

Procedure

1. The Chief of Paramedic Services (PS), or designate, ensures that:
 - a) all patient-care equipment, accessory equipment, and emergency response vehicles that are purchased meet the above standards;
 - b) all equipment and accessories utilized in Ambulances, Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) and Emergency Support Units (ESU) meet the above standards;
 - c) all Ambulances, Emergency Response Vehicles and Emergency Support Unit vehicles comply with the above standards; and
 - d) any modification made to equipment, accessories or emergency vehicles (Ambulances or Emergency Support Units) must be in accordance to the above standards and clearly documented.

2. Paramedics ensure that:

- a) all vehicles are cleaned/disinfected after each call, including briefly disinfecting the patient area, removing all disposable items and wiping the floor;
- b) all vehicles are restocked, as soon as practical, following an ambulance call;
- c) when restocking, all cleaned and recycled patient care equipment is placed in an individual clear plastic bag to maintain cleanliness, including items such as masks, airways, suction catheters, etc. Patient care equipment designated as single use is disposed of appropriately, after each call;
- d) pre-packaged disposable patient care items, such as dressings, are discarded or repackaged to ensure cleanliness;
- e) the vehicle conforms to the equipment standards; and

in the event of an emergency call at the commencement of a shift equipment checks will in accordance with *LA Policy 6.3 Vehicle and Equipment Checks*.