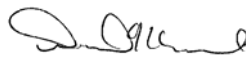
 Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	<b>SECTION:</b> Land Ambulance
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## Policy

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) ensures that vehicles and equipment are maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary manner. Paramedics/Emergency Medical Attendants (EMA) ensure that all accessory and patient care equipment contained in the ambulance or emergency response vehicle is maintained in a safe mechanical condition, is clean and sanitary, and in proper working order, under the provisions of:

- a) *Ambulance Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A. 19*; as amended;
- b) *Ontario Regulations 257/00, General*, as amended; and
- c) *Land Ambulance Service Certification Standard*, as amended.

## Procedure

All Paramedics/EMAs ensure that the appropriate personal protection equipment is worn for each level of cleaning.

### Commencement of Shift

1. Ambulances are assigned to the Paramedics by the Deputy Chief(s), or designate.
2. Paramedics must contact Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) and advise them of their Emergency Health Services (EHS) numbers, Base location and vehicle *Oasis Number*.
3. The Paramedic/EMAs crew completes the appropriate equipment and vehicle checks on the *Documentation Envelope/Electronic Shift Documentation Log*. Any equipment not found in a clean, sanitary condition and proper working order must be replaced, cleaned or repaired.
4. Vehicle radios and portable radios must be checked operationally.

## **Shift Conclusion**

1. Upon returning to the Ambulance Base the assigned vehicle crew shares in the exterior washing of the vehicle, the cleaning of the interior and restocking of used items.
2. Portable radios are returned to the charging area and placed on charge.

## **Per call**

1. Following each call, the Paramedic(s) search the vehicle for any personal patient items and return them to the patient or Medical Facility staff.
2. The Paramedic(s) clean, disinfect and replenish any used items.
3. All single use equipment will be appropriately disposed of and replaced with new.
4. The Paramedic(s) sweep and/or mop the patient compartment floor area and wipe any obvious dirt/stain from any surface area.
5. If the patient has been identified with a communicable or contagious disease, *Policy LA-4.2 Contagious Case Decontamination* must be followed.

## **Deep clean**

1. On a weekly basis, Paramedics are assigned by the Deputy Chief(s), or designate, to deep clean a vehicle. Deep cleaning takes place as follows:
  - a) When possible, the vehicle is removed from service and CACC notified;
  - b) all vehicle equipment is removed;
  - c) all scuff marks are removed, using the appropriate cleaning product;
  - d) all interior surfaces are wiped, including cupboard interiors, using the disinfectant cleaner provided;
  - e) all glass/plexi-glass surfaces are wiped with window cleaner provided;
  - f) all equipment bags are opened, all items cleaned, bags restocked (as

required), and the bags resealed;

- g) all equipment is wiped, using an appropriate cleaner, and replaced in the vehicle;
- h) all tire pressures are taken; and
- i) a *Paramedic Deep Clean Checklist* is completed and submitted.