



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE

The policy establishes the minimum required inspection, maintenance, and testing of durable medical equipment.

POLICY

The lead paramedic assigned to each ALS-level unit and the apparatus operator assigned to each BLS-level unit shall ensure that durable medical equipment is checked daily and inspected weekly according to this policy and SOP 208.08 (Apparatus Inspection/Readiness). At a minimum, all durable medical equipment should be turned on and allowed to “self-check” at the beginning of each shift. In addition to verifying the working condition of this equipment, the following items require additional attention:

Cardiac Monitors

- Cardiac monitors shall be powered on each shift and verified proper function and battery level.
- It shall be the responsibility of the EMS Captain to ensure all cardiac monitors used for clinical care receive preventative maintenance from the manufacturer at least annually. All maintenance shall be logged into the records management software (RMS) system.

Glucometer

- The Glucometer shall be calibrated using the appropriate liquid from the manufacturer during the weekly inspection.

Suction Unit

- Shall be turned on each shift to ensure it is in appropriate working condition. Battery should be charged each week.

Intubation Equipment

- Laryngoscope shall be deployed so that the light activates to ensure it is in appropriate working condition.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)

- All defibrillators shall be inspected daily to ensure they display proper battery life.

Approved

Fire Chief

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