

13 Preventive Maintenance of Emergency Response Vehicles

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13.1 Purpose and Expected Results

To provide safe and reliable transportation of the patient and EMS crew to and from the hospital.

13.2 Circumstances of Applicability

Anytime an ambulance or other Squad vehicle is in service.

13.3 Requisites

None.

13.4 Procedure Description

The Squad Captain and his/her usual designee will provide and/or schedule preventive maintenance on the ambulances and first response vehicles. The subsequent to discovery of any defect or deficiency, the crew chief shall notify the Squad Captain or designee as soon as possible. The following list is not a limitation but a guide to preventive maintenance.

Weekly maintenance should include, but not limited to:

- a) Fluid checks, including:
 - Engine oil
 - Transmission
 - Windshield washer,
 - Brake
 - Coolant
 - Power steering
- b) Tire checks, including pressure and condition
- c) Exterior lighting checks, including emergency warning lights and normal vehicle lights
- d) Checks on Fire control radios, HEAR system Radio, and cell phone (if equipped).
- e) Interior lighting and HVAC checks
- f) Investigate any noises that may signal trouble

Periodic maintenance should include:

- a) Regularly scheduled fluid changes
- b) Tires and alignment when wear indicates.