

		MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
		EMS OPERATIONAL POLICIES		
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EMS ADMINISTRATOR: William Collins		TITLE: EMS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES EXCHANGE		

PURPOSE

1. To provide a policy and procedure for exchanging certain EMS supplies and equipment on-scene between the ambulance service provider and fire first-responder agencies.
2. To facilitate returning fire units to an in-service status, so as to be available and fully equipped to respond to other EMS incidents.
3. To create procedures that will enable re-supply of fire stations and apparatus of certain EMS equipment.

EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

1. While at the scene of an EMS incident, ambulance personnel may replace, from their vehicle's stock, the following items used by fire first responders:
 - A. Long backboard
 - B. Traction splint
 - C. Kendrick Extrication Device (KED) or equivalent
 - D. Spider Straps (or equivalent)
2. The list of items in *Section 1* above may be modified as necessary.
3. In cases of critical patients requiring immediate transport, an equipment exchange should *not* be done if it will delay treatment and/or transport.

EQUIPMENT RE-SUPPLY PROCEDURES

1. The ambulance service provider will maintain an adequate cache of equipment as listed in *Exchange Procedures, Section 1*, in at least one or more locations within Multnomah County.
2. In the event that a fire first responder agency needs a re-supply of equipment, that agency will contact the ambulance service provider, who will make arrangements to deliver the equipment accordingly.
3. The ambulance provider will continue its previous practice of picking up EMS equipment at the hospitals and re-supplying the fire first-responder agencies.