



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

SAN JUAN ISLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO.1

Paramedic Rig Checks and Condition

SOG #
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PURPOSE:

To provide a clear list of expectation in follow up to emails and conversations regarding the expectations around the need to perform weekly Paramedic Rig checks.

SCOPE:

This SOG is to help guide the paramedic's activity is assuring system response readiness in regard to the County issued paramedic vehicles.

GUIDELINE:

1. Paramedic rig checks are to be completed weekly by no later than 10 AM on Monday.
2. A weekly Rig Check must be completed regardless of your on call status if you are in possession and operation of the vehicle at any point in that week.
3. If your rig will be out of service, a rig check is to be completed before the vehicle is placed out of service to assure system readiness.
4. Vehicles placed out of service will have a full-tank of gas, have a Rig Check completed, be in complete response readiness with deficiencies corrected and be equipped with all required equipment minus paramedic issued narcotics.
5. If a paramedic rig is placed out of service, the narcotics are to be in date and placed in the secured medication safe until the paramedic rig is again in service.
6. The vehicle is to be placed out of service at the Aid Unit building unless otherwise approved by the Chief. Regardless of location, the above actions are to be completed prior to the vehicle being placed out of service.
7. Paramedic rigs are to be cleaned inside and out as needed. This should probably occur once a week or more often if necessary.
8. Lighting or audible warning deficiencies including any safety equipment malfunctions are to be immediately reported to the Chief for corrective action if they are unable to be mitigated by the paramedic.