St. John's Regional Fire Department
Policy and Operational Guidelines

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Purpose

To outline the protocol in preventing contamination and/or cross contamination of medical equipment or persons carried on apparatus in the SJRFD.

Background

When attending to calls of a medical nature, it is imperative that we maintain the proper protocol to reduce the possibility of contamination of persons or equipment in our care.

Procedure

1. Upon returning to the station, the Paramedic on duty will inspect and check all equipment that was conveyed to the emergency scene for the possibility of contamination. If it is suspected, then all necessary equipment shall be decontaminated by all means possible.

2. All O2 cylinders shall be changed over and the tag portion removed when the pressure gauge reads below 700 psi or a tag be attached to indicate the cylinder is empty (ie. below set amount).

3. The OIC of the vehicle shall ensure that this protocol is followed to its full extent.

NOTE:

All Operational Guidelines are provided as a guideline only and may be altered by the OIC to meet extenuating circumstances.

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Appendix/Appendicies
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