



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

24-053

April 1, 2024

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Division Chief Ayres

SUBJECT: Expired McGrath Video Laryngoscope Blades

A fraction of our current stock of disposable McGrath Mac EMS video laryngoscope blades are expired or will soon expire. This is caused by the fact that we purchased a large supply of blades as part of the capital purchasing process when the devices were first placed into service.

Dr BZ, after consultation with the State's Medical Director, has determined that we can continue to safely use expired McGrath blades in the course of prehospital clinical care.

Prior to utilizing any blade, including expired blades, please make sure to conduct a quick but thorough inspection to ensure that there is no visible or obvious damage. This should be common practice immediately prior to the use of any device in the course of medical care. Please continue to conduct checks of your devices and equipment at the beginning of each shift and document them using the CheckIt program.

Lastly, please utilize expired blades out of your station inventory **BEFORE** using or ordering non-expired blades so that we can rotate all of the expired items out of inventory.

For questions relating to supply and ordering of McGrath Mac EMS equipment, please contact Staff Captain Young in Logistics (pyoung@unifiedfire.org).

For questions about clinical use of medical devices or supplies, contact EMS Training Specialist Lawrence (alawrence@unifiedfire.org).