



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Division Chief Ayres

SUBJECT: EMS Equipment Guideline

As of August 16, 2024, there is a new EMS Division Guideline intended to provide guidance for EMS equipment to be carried and located on apparatus. The guideline is active and available in PowerDMS or by using the direct link below: <https://powerdms.com/link/unifiedfire/document/?id=1904697>

This is a “guideline” not a “policy” by intent, as we acknowledge that all stations may have slightly different needs for equipment on vehicles.

The intent of this guideline is as follows:

1. Provide direction to station captains when stocking, ordering, and managing apparatus at their station. If this guideline is followed, the ambulances and heavy apparatus will meet the minimum equipment standards required of UFA by the State of Utah.
2. Ensure that UFA responders have adequate equipment and supplies on apparatus to provide care in accordance with current EMS protocols.
3. Provide a reference for employee when checking out equipment on vehicles at the beginning of shift.
4. Provide guidance for Logistics to ensure that appropriate equipment is available to field providers.

In the coming months, stations should see the “MCI Box” and the “Trauma Backpack” delivered by logistics. Stations do not need to place orders through logistics, as these items will be delivered to apparatus when they are ready for distribution. Purchase of these items was approved by the board in FY24/25 budget and are intended to meet equipment needs for multiple casualty incidents (MCI Box) and for individual patients with traumatic injuries (Trauma Backpack).

The EMS Division quarterly training starting in October 2024 will include discussion about the intent of these equipment packages. In summary, the MCI boxes are intended to store extra supplies that may be necessary on a multiple casualty incident and may be pulled out of UFA apparatus and “cached” at a designated treatment area on an MCI (including RTF) incident. The trauma backpacks are the result of a several year development process, initiated by Station 104 A Platoon in 2021. We would like to thank those individuals for identifying a need and for working with EMS Division and the EMS Committee to develop a workable solution.

For questions related to the equipment guideline, please contact an EMS Division representative. For questions related to equipment ordering (after the items are delivered to the stations), please contact Staff Captain Young in Logistics.