

Purpose

- public health and safety
- public protection
- statute / regulation

Required for Inspection – Upon Arrival of Inspector

- vehicle registration
- vehicle mechanical inspection
 - Idaho – only required if vehicle is purchased used or has been in a crash
- Insurance documentation
- Required equipment and supplies checklist to be published ahead of time

Inspectors

- Several use “CLEAR” training
- Require EMS experience (some up to 5 years)
- CO uses local agency directors to perform inspections on other agencies and capitalize on peer-to-peer relationships
- Idaho – Uses scenarios and a narrative based discussion(mock calls) to conduct inspections, builds positive relationships

Fees for Inspections

- Do state offices have a fee structure for inspections
- Fees are highly variable from state to state
 - SC – Initial inspection is free with follow up inspections charged per deficient item. \$10k fine for operating an unlicensed vehicle in the state

Frequency of Inspections

- Many are annual, South Carolina requires re-inspection every 2 years
- DC – each unit has one scheduled and one random inspection per year
- Idaho – does random sample as inspection unless there is a pattern of deficiencies identified
- PA – every 3 years
- Initial, annual, spot, re-inspection after deficiency
- Question about accreditation ?

Inspection Scheduling

- Automatic
- Postcard, reminder
- Electronic scheduling
- All involve more than a phone conversation

Inspection Location

- DC – re-inspection requires units to come to office
- Conducted at hospital, convenience stores, dialysis, nursing homes, as long as there is no patient.
- Many commercial service inspections require all vehicles present at once to prevent equipment swapping. Some record serial numbers, some mark equipment with sharpie upon inspection
- CO – Inspections and licensing is only done at county level – no state oversight
- Out of state agency agencies on-site inspection versus coming into the home state
- Virtual inspections – skype and facetime, paperwork only – KY, desk review prior to going on site

Inspection Reports

- Initial (some paper, some electronic (PA, NC, SC))
- Random spot inspections
- Documentation to follow-up on deficiencies
 - Some use pictures to document
 - Some require invoice and/or packing slip

Minimum Requirements – areas to be covered both Inside and Outside

- Vehicle
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Medications

Vehicle Equipment Requirements – Outside

- Lights – scene, front, rear, warning, tail step lights
- Audible – siren, back-up alarm

- Tail step – present and functional
- Doors /Compartments– functional, locking
- Tires – tread present, no threads showing
- Windshield – no cracks
- Markings – required size of lettering?, reflective markings, services marketed appropriately (BLS unit not marked as “paramedic”)

Vehicle Equipment – Inside

- Location of manufacturer sticker – complete vehicle sticker and star of life sticker
- Suction – present with functional test (critical)
- Pt compartment lights present and functional
- Functional Heat/AC (to what temp?)
- Oxygen retention – crash rated brackets
- Stretcher mount/shoulder straps
- Upholstery – cot and bench seat free from tears/damage
- All cabinets securely close/latch – crash tested, evidence based
- Bench seat latches, crash tested, evidence based
- Action area equipment secure (monitor, radios, battery packs, laptops, etc), crash tested, evidence based
- Required medications present
- Door dividing driver / patient compartment is functional
- 2-way communications present in front and rear of vehicle