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Subject: Inspection of Medic Units

Good Afternoon,

Yesterday I met with Jim Morris, Regional Specialist for the Western Branch of NCOEMS, to inspect Medical Emergency Ambulance Transport's EMS units. All of the in service units were inspected by Jim Morris and myself. Medics primary transport units, Medic 21, Medic 61, Medic 71 and Medic 51, had all the required equipment to meet NCOEMS standards for Paramedic ambulances. Medic 81, Medic's reserve spare unit was equipment to the BLS level but can be brought up to the Paramedic level by transferring portable equipment and a cardiac monitor from another unit. This is similar to the way that Buncombe County EMS handles our spare units located at the county garage. They are not ready for primary response but can be utilized quickly in case a primary ambulance was placed out of service for maintenance or repair. Medic's second reserve unit, Medic 31, was out of service due to a mechanical failure at the time of our inspection and was waiting repair. Mr. Tolley will contact NCOEMS once this unit is placed back in service in order to have it inspected per the franchise agreement. In addition to these transport units, Medic also had a certified Quick Response Vehicle (QRV), Chief 28. This unit is non-transport capable and is equipped to the Paramedic level.

During the inspection I noted 2 minor issues:

1. I noticed that the needles in their chest decompression kits were not of the correct length, being 2 inches long instead of the required 3 ¼ inches. This was the case for all of their kits. They had purchased pre-made kits that they believed had the correct equipment in them.
2. In review the medications carried on each ambulance I noted that they did not have a cyanide treatment kit on the ambulances, only on the QRV, Chief 28. This is an optional medication by NCOEMS but required by local medical direction to be on Paramedic level transport units.

Mr. Tolley ordered the needed supplies to correct the above items while we were there and expects to receive them in 2-5 business days. They will be placed on the ambulances as soon as they arrive. I have attached copies of the NCOEMS inspection forms for the units that were inspected yesterday for your records. If you have in questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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