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SUBJECT: Ambulance Standards

TO: Ambulance Services

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It has come to the attention of the Emergency Medical Service Office that individuals from the ambulance services may be unclear on the exterior marking requirements for vehicles that transport patients.

Section 1005.10(b)(1) of the EMS regulations requires that a transporting vehicle must meet the Federal KKK standards, which were in effect at the time of its manufacture. As part of these standards are the exterior marking requirements which include:

- The word “**AMBULANCE**,” mirror imaged, shall be in block, blue, die cut style letters, not less than 4” high, centered above the grille. The placement of the word ambulance on the curved surface of the hood or on a flat plastic type bug screen is permitted.
- The word “**AMBULANCE**,” shall be in block, blue die cut style letters of not less than 6” in height, centered, with a white border, alongside or under the “Star of Life” on each side of and rear of the vehicle body.
- Stars of Life, blue, die cut style, with white border, in the following sizes and numbers:
 - 3” size located to right and left side of the word AMBULANCE on the front of the vehicle.
 - 16” size on the right and left side panels.
 - 12” size on each rear door.
 - 32” on the ambulance rooftop.

These exterior markings are required to be on the vehicle in order for the ambulance/vehicle manufacturer to be able to place the “Star of Life” certification placard or label, which should be permanently affixed and easily visible, in the ambulance oxygen compartment. All regional ambulance licensure personnel are required to see this placard and to ensure that the vehicle conforms to these requirements, and no vehicle will pass an inspection unless it conforms to these requirements or the service was granted an exception by the Department prior to the inspection. All requests for an exception must be submitted in writing to the EMS Office, no faxes or e-mails, with a detailed explanation why the ambulance service needs an exception.

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