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### STANDARDS OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

#### SECTION 1: ALL AMBULANCES

1. Each ambulance providing service at the Emergency Medical Responder level, Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support must be equipped with the following:

- (a) one primary, elevating wheeled cot, adjustable to 2 or more levels;
- (b) one auxiliary stretcher or stair chair/stretchers combination;
- (c) one sterile maternity kit;
- (d) one adult bag-valve-mask resuscitator with reservoir;
- (e) one paediatric bag-valve-mask resuscitator with reservoir;
- (f) one adult traction splint and one paediatric traction splint or one combination adult/paediatric traction splint;
- (g) 6 extremity splints in various sizes, disposable or otherwise;
- (h) one portable medical oxygen system with a pressure reducing regulator, litre flow control and oxygen supply;
- (i) one portable suction unit;
- (j) one infant bulb suction in addition to any included in the sterile maternity kit;
- (k) one set of sandbags or a head immobilizer;
- (l) 2 sets of rigid cervical collars, including a minimum of 4 different sizes in each set;
- (m) one upper body immobilizing extrication device;
- (n) one bed pan;
- (o) one urinal;
- (p) 2 K-basins or self-sealing clear plastic emesis bags;
- (q) a sufficient number of patient care report forms;
- (r) one long spine board with straps;
- (s) one scoop stretcher with straps;
- (t) one sterile burn kit.

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2 Each ambulance must be equipped with a supply of the following in a quantity, type and size determined by the operator:

- (a) roller, triangular and adhesive bandages;
- (b) sterile and clean dressings;
- (c) tape;
- (d) surgical gloves;
- (e) surgical masks;
- (f) clean linen, blankets and pillows with fluid occlusive covers;
- (g) nasal cannulae, adult oxygen masks and paediatric oxygen masks;
- (h) suction catheters;
- (i) cold packs;
- (J) gowns/aprons.

3 Each ambulance must be equipped with the following equipment carried in a Trauma Kit or Airway Kit or on the attendant's person:

- (a) one set of oropharyngeal airways, sizes 00 through 6;
- (b) one adult blood pressure set;
- (c) one paediatric blood pressure set;
- (d) one stethoscope;
- (e) one penlight;
- (f) one pair of bandage scissors or super shears;
- (g) a supply of sterile 4 x 4s;
- (h) a supply of abdominal pads or 4 x 8 dressings;
- (i) a supply of clean 4 x 4s;
- (j) a supply of roller and triangular bandages;
- (k) a supply of adhesive bandages;

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- (l) a supply of tape.
4. Each ambulance shall carry the following safety equipment:
- (a) one shovel;
  - (b) one operational flashlight using a minimum of 2 "D" cells;
  - (c) one 90-cm crowbar or equivalent;
  - (d) one map of the area served;
  - (e) one operational 5 pound UCL approved ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher;
  - (f) not less than four 20-minute fusee flares in a fire retardant container or the equivalent;
  - (g) for each member of the crew
    - (i) one hard hat,
    - (ii) one set of eye protectors,
    - (iii) one safety vest, and
    - (iv) one pair of safety gloves;
  - (h) tire changing tools and jack;
  - (i) one 3-m set of booster cables;
  - (j) one fan belt;
  - (k) a set of hand tools consisting of
    - (i) one combination screwdriver,
    - (ii) one 25-cm crescent wrench,
    - (iii) one 15-cm pair of pliers,
    - (iv) one hammer, and
    - (v) one hacksaw with 3 spare blades;
  - (m) one tow rope or chain not less than 4.5 m in length and tested to a minimum of 900 kg.

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### **SECTION 2: ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

1 Each ambulance operated at the advanced life support level of service must be equipped with the following:

- (a) all the equipment specified in Section 1 of this standard;
- (b) a portable cardiac monitor/defibrillator;
- (c) medications, drugs, I.V. solutions authorized by the Medical Director appointed under the Emergency Medical Technicians Regulation (AR48/93) and the equipment necessary for the administration of them;
- (d) endotracheal intubation equipment.