

Alton Fire & Rescue Department Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

SOP 1.3.13 Cleaning and Decontamination of Ambulances

PURPOSE: To maintain member and patient safety, health and welfare

SCOPE: All department members staffing an ambulance

SPECIFICS:

Overview:

- Providing cleaned and decontaminated ambulances ensures a work environment free from potential airborne and/or blood borne pathogens for members and patients.
- Maintains a clean and neat appearance
- Satisfies state requirements.

Total Decontamination -- To be completed after every transport:

- Disinfect all handles (interior and exterior).
- Disinfect headsets, portables and radio set microphones.
- Disinfect patient cot, to include carriage, straps, buckles and mattress.
- Disinfect any re-usable device used on a patient (ie: monitor, stair-chair, suction unit, etc).
- Disinfect steering wheel.
- Disinfect floor, seats and walls.

Partial Decontamination -- To be completed after any non-member enters the ambulance, but is not transported:

- Disinfect anything the person has contacted.
- Change linens if they sat or came in contact with the patient cot.

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