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**ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE III.—GROUND AMBULANCE**

**Section 308:—Ground Ambulance Vehicle Inspection**

**I. AUTHORITY**

County of Orange Ambulance Ordinance No. 3517

I. VEHICLE INSPECTIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY A DEPARTMENTAN AGENCY STAFF MEMBER.

II. FREQUENCY:

A. The DepartmentAgency shall inspect each ambulance:

1. Upon initial application for vehicle license.
2. Upon renewal application for vehicle license.

B. The DepartmentAgency may inspect an ambulance at its discretion and convenience as part of the ambulance regulation process provided such inspection does not interfere with the provision of ambulance service to a patient.

III. ELEMENTS OF INSPECTION:

A. The DepartmentAgency shall inspect an ambulance for:

1. Required documentation,
2. Required medical equipment,
3. Required non-medical equipment,
4. Operational status of all equipment, and
5. Cleanliness of ambulance, equipment, and supplies.

B. Inspections with the California Highway Patrol:

Whenever possible, inspections shall be performed with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to avoid duplication.

1. The DepartmentAgency, if in the presence of the California Highway Patrol, and acting as designee of the CHP officer, may inspect all medical equipment required by Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, rules or regulations, and the Ordinance.
2. In the absence of the California Highway Patrol, the DepartmentAgency shall not inspect for those items required by Title 13.

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IV. RECORD OF INSPECTION:

- A. All ambulance inspections shall be documented on a Department Agency form.
- B. Any item of non-compliance with the Ordinance and/or any rule(s) and regulation(s) shall be documented.
- C. The Department Agency shall review all noted items of non-compliance with the ambulance service operator or ambulance service operator's representative at time of inspection.
- D. The Department Agency shall provide a copy of the inspection documentation to the ambulance service operator or ambulance service operator's representative at the time of inspection.

V. NON-COMPLIANCE:

A. Initial Inspection:

No ambulance shall be issued a vehicle license until all items of non-compliance identified are corrected and re-inspected by the Department Agency.

B. Annual License Renewal Inspection:

No ambulance shall be issued a vehicle license until all items of non-compliance identified by the Department Agency during the annual inspection are corrected and re-inspected by the Department Agency.

C. Areas of non-compliance shall fall into the following categories:

- 1. Level 1 – requires documentation submitted to the Agency that the area of non-compliance has been corrected. No re-inspection required.
- 2. Level 2 - requires re-inspection by an Agency representative within 15 days. The ambulance may be utilized until re-inspection. Failure of second inspection in this category will result in unit being unable to transport patients in Orange County until an additional inspection demonstrates that areas of non-compliance have corrected.
- 3. Level 3. – requires re-inspection by an Agency representative and ambulance may not be utilized to transport patients until it passes a re-inspection.

**~~NOTE: Authority Cited for Section 308: Section 4-9-14(a) and (c) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances.~~**

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