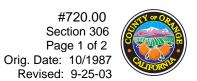


# ORANGE COUNTY AMBULANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 306: Ground Ambulance Service Inspection



# ARTICLE III. REQUIREMENTS: GROUND AMBULANCE

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I. Inspections of ground ambulance service operations shall be conducted by a Department staff member.

#### II. FREQUENCY:

- A. The Department shall inspect each ambulance service on an annual basis.
  - 1. Upon initial application for licensure as an ambulance service.
  - 2. Upon application for annual renewal of licensure.
- B. The Department may inspect an ambulance service at its discretion as part of the ambulance regulation process, provided such inspection does not interfere with the provision of ambulance services to a patient.

#### III. **ELEMENTS OF INSPECTIONS:**

- A. Inspections may be done in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to avoid duplication of inspections.
- В. The inspection of ambulance service operation shall include but not be limited to review of:
  - 1. Policies and procedures required in rules and regulations.
  - 2. Attendant personnel records.
  - 3. Dispatcher personnel records.
  - 4. Dispatch procedures and logs.
  - 5. Vehicle maintenance schedules and records.

#### IV. **INSPECTION RECORDS:**

- All ambulance service inspections shall be documented on a Department form. Α.
- В. Any item of non-compliance to the Ordinance or rule(s) and regulation(s) shall be noted on the Department form.
- C. The Department shall review written inspection results with the ambulance service operator or ambulance service operator's representative.
- D. The Department 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 License Application Inspection:

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An ambulance service license will not be issued to an applicant for ambulance service license until all items of non-compliance identified by the Department are corrected and re-inspected by the Department

#### B. Annual License Renewal Inspection:

An ambulance service license renewed will not be issued until all items of non-compliance identified by the Department during annual inspection are corrected and re-inspected by the Department.

#### C. Other Inspections:

For an inspection of an ambulance service which is not an initial or renewal inspection, the following shall apply when items of non-compliance are identified by the Department:

- 1. At the time of inspection, the Department shall indicate in writing to the licensee specific items of non-compliance, time frame for correction and date of re-inspection. It is the responsibility of the ambulance service operator to arrange for re-inspection within required time frame.
- 2. If items of non-compliance are not corrected and re-inspected by the Department within the time frame designed by the Department, a complaint may be filed by the Department or the Department may recommend to the Health Officer that the ambulance service license be suspended or revoked.
- D. It is the responsibility of the ambulance service operator to arrange for re-inspection within the required time frame.
- E. Voluntary Suspension of Service:
  - 1. The Department may request the ambulance service operator to voluntarily suspend use of an ambulance not in compliance based on either the number or severity of items of noncompliance noted during the inspection of that ambulance.
  - 2. If the ambulance service operator refuses to voluntarily suspend use of the ambulance in question, the Department shall inform the ambulance service operator of its intention to request the Medical Director to immediately suspend the ambulance service license or vehicle license.

NOTE: Authority Cited for Section 306: Sections 4-9-14(a) and (c) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinance.

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