

**Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Section: G. Emergency Medical Services	Effective Date: May 30, 2010
Topic: 6. Vehicles, Equipment & Facilities	Replaces: July 1, 2004
Subject: 30. Fire Extinguishers	
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PURPOSE

To ensure each ambulance vehicle and ambulance base has an appropriate fire extinguisher and that they are kept fully charges and in an operable condition.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, EMAs, Management

PROCEDURE

- 1) Staff will check the condition of each fire extinguisher on every shift to ensure the seals are in place and that it is fully charged.
- 2) Monthly checks are to be completed on each extinguisher in the ambulances and bases by:
 - a) removing the extinguisher from its holder,
 - b) ensuring that there is nothing blocking the hose,
 - c) turning it upside down twice,
 - d) and replacing it into its holder.
- 3) Staff checking these units are to initial and date the tag on each fire extinguisher.
- 4) If any fire extinguisher appears to need recharging and/or servicing of any type, Field Manager is to be notified immediately so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

REFERENCE