1. **PURPOSE:** To establish standards and procedures for the use and maintenance of AED’s.

2. **PROCEDURES:**
   - If available, an AED shall be kept on each permanent engine for use in Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) calls.
   - If an ambulance is staffed with only EMT Basic level personnel, then an AED shall be placed in that ambulance as priority.
   - The Department understands the importance of early defibrillation and will aggressively attempt to provide it whenever possible.
   - The Officer or Firefighter in Charge on each engine shall ensure that the AED is brought to the patient on all calls where SCA is a possibility, provided that a trained operator is available.
   - The Officer is also responsible for ensuring that the AED is checked during each shift according to manufacturer recommendations. A notation of “AED OK” shall be added to the vehicle PM record when the check is completed.
   - If the daily check, or any other check, reveals a problem, the Officer shall attempt to have the problem corrected according to manufacturer guidelines.
   - If the unit cannot be returned to operational status, it will be removed from the engine and a replacement added.
   - If the AED I removed from service, the Shift Supervisor and the EMS Coordinator shall be notified as soon as practical.
   - If the AED is used, arrangements must be made to download the data. The EMS Coordinator or others trained may do this. A replacement AED will be placed on the vehicle until the data download is complete.
   - If an AED from another agency is used, the Officer will assist that agency with coordinating data retrieval according to policy.

3. **REFERENCES:**
   - None

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