



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Controlled Substance Electronic Tracking and Pain Dose Ketamine Addition to Transport Units

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Effective on September 7, 2024, at 0700 hours, CCDFEMS will be transitioning over to electronic narcotics tracking and storage procedures countywide. This process will involve transitioning away from paper tracking procedures and moving to electronic tracking procedures via QR coding. The QR coding will be added to all current EMS unit med vaults, and we will be adding individual QR coded and color tag sealed storage containers. The new process was recently trialed within the county and resulted in accurate real time accountability and review of all field deployed CDS resources.

Additionally, during this transition we are adding pain dose Ketamine to all ALS transport units within the county. The sedation dose Ketamine will remain under our expanded scope of ALS practice and only be carried by the Battalion EMS Chase car and the Shift Commander.

The transition will commence on Friday September 6, 2024, beginning at 0700 hours. During the day DFEMS personnel will be accessing each med vault systems on all ALS equipped transport units and chase cars currently assigned narcotics. At the completion of the transition a step-by-step flow chart will be provided to each station for use during daily CDS accountability checks and to assist with field use documentation.

If you require assistance in using the new tracking system or have any questions regarding its proper use, please reach out to your Battalion assigned EMS chase car.