

SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

SOG #:	6.407	Effective Date:	10/19/2004
Title:	Automatic External Defibrillators	# of pages:	2
Category:	Emergency Medical Services	Classification:	Red

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 is 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

By Order Of:

Kevin W Guimond

Kevin W. Guimond
Fire Chief