
 <b>ALBEMARLE COUNTY</b> <b>STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE</b>	
	<b>Subject:</b>	Epinephrine Auto Injector on person & Oxygen in POV's
	<b>Reference Number:</b>	SAP-DEP-049
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<b>Signature of Approval:</b>	 <b>J. Dan Eggleston, Chief</b>	

**Purpose:**

To comply with Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) regulations requiring a policy addressing the carrying and use of epinephrine auto injectors by personnel and possession and administration of oxygen carried in personally owned vehicles (POVs).

**Background:**

The Virginia Office of EMS rules and Regulations, effective October 10, 2012, "12VAC5-31-1040 Operational medical director authorization to practice" requires EMS agencies to establish a written policy that identifies the selection, response criteria, utilization, and approval process for (i) EMS personnel to carry and administer an epinephrine auto injector or medically accepted equivalent for emergency cases of anaphylactic shock, and (ii) the possession of and administration of oxygen carried on personally owned vehicles.

**Scope:**

This policy applies to all Albemarle County Department of Fire Rescue (ACFR) personnel and all personnel practicing and or reporting under the ACFR OEMS License number "939"

**Policy:**

It is the policy of the Albemarle County Department of Fire Rescue and the Operational Medical Director (OMD) that personnel are **NOT** allowed to carry Epi-Auto injectors or oxygen on their person, as part of a personal first aid kit, or in a personal vehicle, unless prescribed by a physician for personal medical use.

ACFR provides medical equipment and supplies to support emergency operations. The appropriate use of Epi-pens and Oxygen is outlined in the Regional Patient Care Guidelines published by the Thomas Jefferson Emergency Medical Services Council.