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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

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POLICY: The cardiac monitor-defibrillator and paramedic radio communication system shall be standard throughout the system and shall be ordered through Milwaukee County's Emergency Medical Services.

The municipality is responsible for the purchase, repair and/or replacement of cardiac monitor-defibrillator equipment and communication equipment on Paramedic First Response units.

The county will provide routine maintenance checks of county owned equipment on paramedic transport units. Replacement units will be furnished when Milwaukee County determines necessary.

The municipality is responsible for repair costs. The municipality will reimburse Milwaukee County for costs associated with the repair of county owned equipment and for other repairs made on behalf of the municipality. The reimbursement for these repairs will be obtained as a reduction in the monthly payment to the municipality.

When county owned equipment on paramedic and/or paramedic first response units is lost and/or damaged due to an act of negligence on the part of municipality employees, it is the responsibility of the municipality to repair or replace the equipment. Negligence is defined as the "omission or neglect of reasonable care, precaution or action." An appeal process will be established to arbitrate questions of responsibility for damaged or lost County equipment when there is disagreement with County's decision.

Major equipment changes will be implemented with a mutually agreed upon time schedule between Milwaukee County and the applicable municipalities.