

TITLE OPERATIONS MANUAL	STANDARD INSTRUCTION 09		DEPARTMENT FIRE-RESCUE
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PHARMACEUTICAL ROTATION	SECTION 17	PAGE 1 of 1	EFFECTIVE DATE 27 November 2021

I. PURPOSE

To ensure all pharmaceuticals and supplies are monitored daily and inventories maintained in accordance with County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services (EMS) policy.

II. SCOPE

This policy shall apply to all sworn San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) (except lifeguards), and all Falck San Diego personnel.

III. AUTHORITY

The fire chief authorizes the information within this policy.

IV. POLICY

A. On the last day of each month, expiration dates on all medications and supplies shall be checked.

1. Expiration dates specifying only month and year, expire on the last day of the month (07/25 = 07/31/2025).
2. Expiration dates with specifying the month/day/year expire on the specific date (07/01/2025 = 07/01/2025).
3. SDFD
 - a. Medications (except controlled substances) and supplies shall be exchanged at least 60 days prior to the expiration date with an ambulance or Falck San Diego's medical supply.
 - b. Controlled substances will be exchanged when they are within 90 days of expiration with an ambulance, Falck San Diego supervisor or central supply.
4. Falck San Diego
 - a. Use medications and supplies until expired.
 - b. Upon expiration, return expired medications and supplies to Falck's medical supply.

B. Drug and Supply Shortages

1. During drug and supply shortages, the deputy chief of emergency medical services and the city EMS medical director may provide temporary modifications to this policy.