Emergency Vehicle Operators (EVO) Policy

**Purpose**

The policy is to support the implementation of the State of Utah administrative rules as follows. The requirement will be enforced by July 1, 2014. Strike-outs and underline edits are added for suggested amendments.

**R426-4-400. Ground Ambulance and QRV Operations.**

(5) Each ground ambulance provider or QRV provider shall assure that each emergency vehicle operator who may drive the emergency vehicle:

(a) is at least 18 years of age;

(b) possesses a valid driver license;

(c) successfully passed the provider's criminal background check within the prior four years; and

(d) successfully completed a department approved emergency vehicle operator's course or refresher course within the past two years.

(6) The Department shall verify annually that providers are in compliance with this requirement.

**Training Criteria (adapted from the U.S. Fire Administration – FEMA)**

EVO training will include but is not limited to:

- To define the needs analysis for the necessity of an emergency vehicle operators course.
- To identify the problems facing the operators of emergency vehicles.
- To motivate emergency vehicle operators to recognize the importance of emergency vehicle operator training.
- To define the personal qualities and attributes of a candidate for operating an emergency vehicle.
- Review the legal responsibilities of the emergency vehicle operator.
- Discuss the physical forces involved in the operations of an emergency vehicle.
- To express the importance of a preventative vehicle maintenance and maintenance record programs.
- Review agency standard operating procedures.
- To examine the state and local laws dealing with the operation of an emergency vehicle.
- To provide the student the opportunity to perform “hands-on” operation through a designated driving course.