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| TO: | All DES- Communications Staff <i>Department of Emergency Services</i> |
| FROM: | Christopher "Butch" Roberts, Assistant Chief <i>Department of Emergency Services</i> |
| SUBJECT: | Public Safety Unit Sanitization |
| DATE: | April 6, 2020 |

Beginning April 6, 2020 at 0800hrs, DES has hired a vendor to sanitize/decon every public safety ambulance that transports to CRMC's Emergency Department. While the crews are transferring patient care to ED staff, the vendor will sanitize the entire patient compartment of the unit. This process will take about 20min per unit. This service will be available to public safety ambulances (whether in County or Mutual Aid) and Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) units **ONLY** regardless of whether the unit transported a PUI or not. It is not being utilized for Maryland State Police, La Plata Police Dept, or private medical transport companies.

As EMS units clear CRMC, they will advise Communications if they have/have not received decon. If the unit does not advise, Communications will ask the unit if they have received decon.

As CCSO units clear the hospital, they will notify CCSO Communications who will advise Fire/EMS Communications if they have received decon.

Any in county unit listed above that transports to an outlying hospital (i.e. FWMC, SMHC, CHMC etc.) has the option to clear that hospital and proceed out of service to CRMC for decon.

If an out of county ambulance provides mutual aid to Charles County and transports to CRMC, upon going in service from the hospital, we will ask the unit if they were deconned.

Out of county units that transport to CRMC from their respective county are not obligated to notify Charles County Communications of decon services.

DES Communications will maintain a current log of **all units** that transport to CRMC and their decon status. There has been a yellow log folder placed between positions 1 & 2. The logging period from each day will run from 00:01hrs – 24:00hrs. The daily log will be emailed to Nick Ellis via deslogistics@charlescountymd.gov and Assistant Chief Roberts. The paper copy will be placed in Nick's mailbox on his door (Rm. A-16).

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