



# General Order

## Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Medication Changes for EMS units

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As a result of Quality Assurance Review, we have determined that there is some confusion regarding the administration of the reconstituted formulation of Diltiazem. To avoid any further confusion and to minimize the possibility of any medication errors and patient harm, we have decided to change the delivery system for the Diltiazem. Starting today June 9, 2023, Carroll County will be carrying the Diltiazem in a 50 mg premixed vial. The Diltiazem 50 mg premixed vial is sufficient to meet the maximal dose of a single patient.

The premixed vials of Diltiazem require either refrigeration or exchanged every 30 days. For this reason, each vial that has been issued today has an expiration date of July 9, 2023. The Shift Commandeers and/or the EMS Chase cars will rotate stock monthly to be in accordance with the expiration date as refrigeration on each ALS unit is not possible.

Restocking of the medication used in the care of a patient will occur through the Shift Commander or the EMS Chase Cars on a one for one basis. These personnel can be reached through the dispatch center or via phone at their respective assignments.