

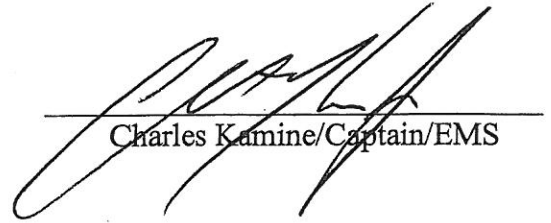
VCFS Information

Date of Incident	6-2-2010	Incident #	
Complaint/Incident issued by	Numerous	Unit	All ALS Units
		Crew Members	CPT Rawlins
Battalion on Duty		Type of Call/Location	
Complaint/Incident	<p>Gentleman,</p> <p>Yesterday Captain Rawlins dropped off the new Lorazepam supply for the Squad and the Engine. When the old Lorazepam stock was picked up by Captain Rawlins, he requested that it be put in a sharps container rather than wasting the expired stock. It has been practice that the expired stock would be expelled in a sink while another Firefighter witnessed the medication being wasted. Instead Captain Rawlins, put the un-tampered expired medication straight in to a clean sharps container. I am informing you of this because I feel uncomfortable with the way the expired medication is being picked up, rather than wasted.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Carl Laundrie</p> <p>This type of procedure by Logistics-10 does not follow policy, and leaves an intact federally controlled substance in an uncontrolled status. Since the Apparatus Controlled Substance Logs do not have Lot#'s associated with the stock on the truck, when the medication leaves the truck and is not destroyed on-site, the medication exists in an environment without any chain-of-custody. I believe this also does not conform to the federal drug and cosmetic act either. Basically the Lorazepam collected by Logistics-10 is no longer trackable and leaves a substantial amount of federally controlled substance in existence without a chain of custody.</p> <p>When I reviewed the Narc Logs at St23, Log-10 wrote the Lorazepam out of the Logs under the "Wasted" column. The medication was not wasted; instead he collected it. Policy dictates that it is supposed to be wasted on-site with a witness. There is policy stating that EMS collects all expired medications and equipment, however, there is a controlled substance policy that countermands that for Controlled Substances.</p> <p>M. Inglett</p>		

Agency Information

Date Agency notified	N/A	Agency Run #	
Complain/Incident Name	N/A	Unit/Crew Members	
Agency Representative	N/A	Phone Number	

Protocol/SOG Section	VOLUME: II SUBJECT: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACCOUNTABILITY GUIDELINE: 102.005 DATE: March 17, 2010
	<p>IV. PROCEDURE: A. Controlled Substance Accountability:</p> <p>5. Record of Administration: a. Required documentation if a controlled substance was administered to a patient and/or disposal of an unused portion occurs: Date: list the date the controlled substance was administered or wasted/broken. Run #: list the alarm number of the incident. Patient Name: list the patient's name Amount Administered: list the amount of the controlled substance administered to the patient. Amount Wasted: list the amount of the controlled substance wasted/broken. Printed name: paramedic must print his/her first initial and last name. Signature: paramedic must sign his/her first initial and last name. Witness: 1. witness must print his/her first initial and last name. 2. witness must sign his/her first initial and last name. NOTE: Witness documentation priority shall be as follows: Another agency's paramedic. Another VCFS engine crew's paramedic. Another shift's paramedic (broken or wasting expired meds). As a last resort, the partner of the same crew.</p>
Disposition/Notes	<p>IV. PROCEDURE: A. Controlled Substance Accountability:</p> <p>7. Out of Date Controlled Substance: a. The paramedic that completed the ALS Supply Expiration Date form for that month shall notify the EMS Manager (or Designee) at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the controlled substance. b. The EMS Manager (or designee) shall waste the expired controlled substance when the replacement is placed in stock, with proper documentation occurring. c. The EMS Manager (or designee) can authorize the on-duty paramedic to destroy controlled substance(s). If the EMS Manager (or designee) directs destruction of controlled substances, the on-duty paramedic shall use these steps: 1. Document the controlled substance's expiration date, lot number, and amount destroyed. 2. Document the amount destroyed in the "Amount Wasted" column on the Controlled Substance Accountability Form. 3. Obtain a witness to visually verify proper disposal and documentation. 4. Draw the controlled substance out of its container and inject it into the biohazard sharps container that is located on each ALS permitted unit. 6. Have the witness place his/her printed name and signature in the appropriate columns. 7. The paramedic shall place his/her name and signature in the appropriate column. This action verifies that proper disposal and documentation has occurred.</p>


Charles Kamine/Captain/EMS

From: VCFSEMS
To: OPERATIONS
Date: 6/4/2010 12:15 PM
Subject: Lorazepam Disposal
Attachments: Lorazepam.pdf

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ALL,

See attached disposal form.

In response to the complaints of the way in which the lorazepam was discarded on Wednesday. Lt Huber and I broke open the biohazard container, verified the count/amount of carpupject present and IAW the SOG wasted all carpupjects back into the container, as noted on the form.

Please forward this email to all paramedics for reference and clarification.

Roy

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From: VCFSEMS
To: Pocica, Frank
Date: 6/4/2010 7:55 AM
Subject: Fwd: Lorazepam

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FYI

>>> VCFSEMS 5/19/2010 10:23 AM >>>
ALL,

The majority of our Lorazepam has been labeled to expire on June 1, 2010. The replacement for this medication will arrive to me on June 2, 2010 from our vendor. We are authorized up to 96 days for the unrefrigerated Lorazepam till it is truly expired, as this will be June 4th.

I am letting everyone know that I am aware of the issue and have plans to correct this error and not cause a panic.

The meds will be distributed on June 2 to all stations as quickly as I can receive, process and drive the meds to the stations/battalions.

Thanks
RR

From: Roy Rawlins
To: Pocica, Frank
Date: 6/4/2010 7:10 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Expired Lorazepam supply picked up instead of being wasted

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Chief,

No doubt.

All meds were placed into the biohazard sharps container and when they were all collected the container was sealed. the container is placed for disposal by our vendor as any other meds would be.

RR

Roy Rawlins
Captain
Logistics Officer

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>>> Frank Pocica 6/3/2010 3:29 PM >>>
Not sure what is up but I smell a rat in the wood pile....

>>> Howard Bailey 6/3/2010 12:39 PM >>>
FYI. I have equal concerns.

Howard J. Bailey
Division Chief
Operations Division
Volusia County Fire Services

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From: Mike Inglett
To: Kamine, Charles
Date: 6/3/2010 10:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: Expired Lorazepam supply picked up instead of being wasted

Chuck, I sent this to Chief Bailey today. Just copying you, since you still may be overseeing EMS.

>>> Mike Inglett 6/3/2010 10:12 AM >>>

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>>> Carl Laundrie 6/3/2010 7:26 AM >>>

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Carl Laundrie

Memo to File.

Reference Lorazepam Date 6-2-2010

Roy Rawlins,

On 6-9-2010 I met with Captain Roy Rawlins at Fire Admin around 8:30 AM.

I asked him how the Lorazepam that was collected on 6-2-2010 was destroyed in Wednesday 6-4-2010 with Lieutenant Huber and the forms were signed by both he and Huber.

I informed Captain Rawlins that in the future we have to follow the current SOG procedures on the correct way to dispose of the controlled substances.

I did not want to see anymore or hear of this type of problem again, and he concurred.

Frank L. Pojica

