

Caroline County Fire – Rescue

SAFETY DIRECTIVE

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A significant safety issue is occurring with regard to the use and disposal of Sharps.

Each Caroline County Fire Rescue ambulance has only ONE sharps container on the unit. The proper sharps disposal is located adjacent to the bench seat on the wall.

On some of our ambulances, there is a pull-out drawer for trash, NOT sharps. As seen in the photos below, these trash cans are being used for sharps disposal as well as trash. This practice MUST stop immediately. These receptacles shall not have tops and shall not be used for anything but trash.

We are putting ourselves at risk as well as other personnel when these items are improperly disposed.

ALL PERSONNEL NEED TO AVOID THIS ACTION AND MAKE NOTIFICATION IF IT OCCURS

Pull out Drawer Example



Mixed sharps and trash Drawer



Proper Trash drawer example



Significant danger for needle stick

