

Logistics (Fleet) Demers/Crestline Functional Evaluation

Both of these units have travelled approximately 4,500 kms to date since the study started Aug 8 2016. The Crestline was out of service for 1 day only during the study for preventive maintenance and no issues were found by our mechanical division during the inspection.

Crestline

- From a logistical view I found that there is not enough storage for all of the equipment which has resulted in separating some stock in different cupboards which in turn makes it difficult for the paramedic to locate things immediately.
- There is no outside 'paramedic locker' for their personal affects.
- Rear box is narrower and shorter so not as much room to work and most staff would have to slouch while in the patient compartment
- The glove box holder in the cab is very difficult to change/replace boxes of gloves
- The rear outside streetside cupboard is long and narrow. That is great for backboards, and scoops etc. but smaller pieces of equipment that should be stored with the boards etc. get pushed up toward the front of the cupboard and make it difficult to retrieve.
- There is no separate button/control for the airhorn on the warning system. The paramedic is required to switch the selector dial to a setting so that the manual button can be used for the airhorn. The paramedic should not have to take their eyes off the road to find the proper selection to use the airhorn.
- There is still a clearance issue between the sliding jumpseat and the side of the stretcher.
- From a parts standpoint, our mechanical division is stocked with parts to repair our fleet of Demers vehicles and would not be very cost effective to have to change over to another manufacturer.

Demers

- Does have the paramedic locker
- Has ample outside compartments
- Has ample cupboard space plus there are areas that are presently not cupboards but can be turned into cupboards if required
- Glove boxes are easily accessible both front cab and patient compartment
- Ample space in the patient compartment
- Mechanical division is well stocked for parts as our entire fleet is Demers.

Mechanically there were no issues with either of these vehicles.

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