

MEMO

To: Municipalities, Local Service Districts, Regional Service Boards, and Fire Departments

From: Frederick G. Hollett, Fire Commissioner/Director of Fire Services

Re: Guidance Document for the Use of Automated External Defibrillators

Date: October 11, 2011

The placement and use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) has been increasing throughout the province. A number of municipalities, local service districts, regional service boards, and their fire departments have acquired, or are considering acquiring an AED.

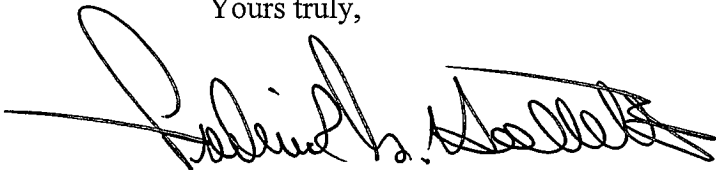
Fire and Emergency Services-Newfoundland and Labrador (FES-NL) have received a large number of inquiries related to such acquisitions, and related practices and policies.

In order to properly address the inquiries, we have developed a guidance document which outlines the subject and provides key points to consider in making a decision to acquire and utilize an AED.

I **strongly** recommend that your municipal council, local service district committee, regional service board, and fire department review the document and consider the information provided when making a decision related to the acquisition and use of an AED, the level of service, and the application of the AED.

Feel free to contact FES-NL for further clarification or explanation.

Yours truly,



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