



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

EMS VEHICLE MARKINGS

- **Does the reflective 4” horizontal reflective stripe have to be continuous? What does continuous mean?**

“Continuous” means uninterrupted. The stripe must be continuous, a minimum of 4” in height, can be of one or more reflective colors and all the way around the box. A wave, curve or other pattern that is continuous is acceptable. The reflective stripe will not be allowed to be broken in any manner.

- **What does around the box mean?**

OEMS interprets this as from the rear of the cab/front corner of the box, around the vehicle to the other rear of the cab/front corner of the box. On a van, it must go from the rear of the operator’s door to the rear of the passenger’s door. The 4” minimum reflective stripe must, at a minimum, go around the box or patient compartment. It can be placed anywhere on the “box” but must be on the right side, left side and the rear of the vehicle. The reflective stripe can continue on the chassis but it is not required.

- **Can insignia or emblems be placed over the reflective stripe?**

Any lettering or emblem placed over the reflective stripe must also be reflective. A logo can be placed over the reflective stripe only if it is also reflective.

- **Can the name of the agency be placed in the stripe?**

The name of the agency to which the vehicle is permitted must be in reflective lettering. It can be placed over the reflective stripe. The name of the agency must be a minimum of 3” in height, a color that contrasts with its background and on both sides of the vehicle.

- **What about gold leaf lettering?**

Gold leaf lettering is acceptable if it is “shadowed” or bordered in permanent reflective lettering. The intent is to have the name of the agency visible in all conditions and at all times

Please contact your EMS Program Representative if you require further clarification.