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**West Palm Beach Fire Rescue is First in U.S. to  
Enhance Safety with Portable UV Ambulance Sanitizers**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (January 7, 2014) In an unprecedented effort to curb the spread of “superbugs” such as MRSA, C. difficile and TB, West Palm Beach Fire Rescue is the first agency in the country to add portable UV germicidal sanitizers to their arsenal of safety equipment.

Manufactured by MRSA-UV in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, the Turbo-UV is a 22-inch tall ultraviolet unit that rapidly sanitizes surfaces and air inside ambulances in as little as 15 minutes. Moreover, due to its portability, it is also capable of thoroughly disinfecting firehouse barracks, fire equipment and turnout gear.

EMS Chief Brian Lamb of West Palm Beach Fire Rescue has conducted his own research on the effectiveness of UVC use in rescue vehicles, and has decided to use the Turbo-UV in the fight against harmful microbes. Chief Lamb proposed this study and monitored it over a six-week period, using MRSA-UV’s very sensitive DIY Bacteria Test Kits before and after UVC treatment of ambulance patient compartments. He has proven to himself and his department that pathogen levels in a UVC treated area were reduced from toxic to negligible.

“We are currently finishing an independent study and the results appear very positive,” Lamb states. “We must protect ourselves first if we want to serve our community at the highest level possible. We owe it to each other to look at the science.”

Chris Chilvers, president of MRSA-UV points out, “Unfortunately, manual cleaning of all high touch surfaces is impractical, time consuming, and recent studies indicate that it misses over 50% of all surface-surviving pathogens.”

UV germicidal light is clean, green and especially mean when it comes to dangerous microbes. Ambulances and other firehouse spaces can be immediately reoccupied as soon as the UVC light is turned off and there are no dangerous odors (VOC’s) that are usually associated with harsh cleaning agents, to affect victims or personnel.

“Our Turbo-UV product turns out to be ideal for sanitizing EMS vehicles because it is so affordable, portable and extremely effective in such small spaces,” says Merritt Walker, operations manager of MRSA-UV’s EMS division.

Chief Lamb states finally, “We are proud to be the first agency in the nation to offer our citizens the safest vehicles possible when it becomes necessary to be transported to the hospital.”

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