



2-31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES^[A1]

Related SOP(s):

2-32 Exposure to Blood or Bodily Fluids

2-31-1 Purpose

It is the purpose of the Department to provide resources and of assistance to individuals in need of emergency medical aid or shelter.

2-31-2 Policy

Department policy is to ~~assist citizens~~ provide department personnel with procedures for individuals for individuals in need of emergency medical aid. ~~and/or emergency shelter~~^[A2].

2-31-3 Rules/Procedures

- A. ~~Emergency Aid~~ In emergency medical situations, Department personnel shall ~~normally~~ render only that degree of care necessary to sustain life, prevent or control shock, and prevent further harm based on each officer's training and abilities.
- B. ~~Serious Injury In cases of~~ Incidents involving serious injury, illness, ~~overdose and overdose,~~ or suspected death, personnel shall immediately request A.F.R. D rescue. ~~Transportation of victims individuals with serious injury to a medical facility will be provided by D department personnel only in extreme emergencies. Personnel will have Communications make every attempt to contact next of kin to advise them of the nature of the injury/illness and the location of the victim.~~^[A3]
- C. Escorting Vehicles
 1. Officers will not escort vehicles containing ill or injured passengers to medical facilities utilizing a Code 3 response. ~~under code three conditions.~~ Officers should request that rescue respond to the ~~victim's~~ individual's location to provide medical assistance.
 2. If the ~~citizen~~ individual declines rescue response, the officer should ~~advise~~ allow the ~~citizen~~ individual to proceed and advise the driver to obey all traffic laws.



D. Rescue Helicopter

1. Officers may contact Communications for activation procedures when a patient is at a location that is not accessible by ambulance.

E. Department personnel requesting rescue will provide the emergency communications center with the following information about the individual(s) in the listed order:

1. Approximate age of the individual
2. Gender
3. State of consciousness (unconscious or conscious)
4. Status of breathing
5. Observed or reported injury or medical complaint
6. Whether or not the individual is experiencing chest pains

~~1. Activation~~

~~a. Officers will may contact Communications for activation procedures when a patient is located at a location that is not accessible by ambulance.~~

~~E. Contact^[A4] with Communicable Diseases~~

~~1. It is possible that in the course of their duties, personnel will come into physical contact with individuals infected with communicable diseases.~~

~~2. Personnel contacting individuals suspected of being infected with any communicable disease should take the following follow universal precautions:~~

~~a. Wear surgical gloves if there is a possibility of contamination from body fluids, especially^[A5] blood.~~

~~b. Wash hands as soon after contact as possible.~~

~~c. Clean and disinfect contaminated skin with hand sanitizer. Clean clothing with hot water (130 degrees F). Clean equipment with anti-bacterial cleaner or a 1-10 chlorine/bleach/water solution.~~

~~3. If there is a possibility that body fluids from an infected individual have penetrated the skin or mucus membranes of an employee, a supervisor should be notified at once to call Medcor and the APD Safety Officer. The individual shall contact Employee Health for follow-up treatment.~~



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- a. ~~Include detailed information regarding the contact~~The exposure should be documented in the incident/accident report.
- b. ~~If the call would not normally require a report, write a special report documenting the incident.~~
- e. ~~Supervisors shall complete a "Supervisor's Injury Report" and forward it to the Claims Validation Unit~~Risk Management (APD Safety Officer) through the chain of command.

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