2-31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA SERVICES

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)
   2-56 Use of Force: Reporting by Department Personnel

B. Form(s)
   None

C. Other Resource(s)
   None

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)
   None

2-31-1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to provide information to Albuquerque Police Department (Department) personnel when individuals or community members are in need of emergency medical and trauma services.

2-31-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Department to provide Department personnel with procedures for assisting individuals or community members who are in need of emergency medical and trauma services.

2-31-3 Definitions

None

2-31-4 Procedures

A. Department personnel shall:

1. Only render medical aid based on their training and abilities;

2. Only render medical aid to the degree necessary to sustain life, prevent or control shock, and to prevent further harm in an emergency medical and trauma situation; and

3. Immediately request Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) for incidents involving:
a. Serious physical injury;
b. Illness;
c. Overdose;
d. Suspected death; or

e. Complaint of an injury sustained during a use of force incident, consistent with SOP Use of Force: Reporting by Department Personnel (refer to SOP Use of Force: Reporting by Department Personnel for sanction classifications and additional duties).

B. Escorting Vehicles

1. Department personnel shall not escort community members' vehicles containing ill or injured passengers to medical facilities.

2. Department personnel shall request that AFR respond to the community member's location to provide medical assistance and transportation.

   a. If the community member declines assistance from AFR, Department personnel shall allow the community member to proceed and advise the driver to obey all traffic laws.

C. Rescue Helicopter

Department personnel may contact the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for activation procedures when a patient is at a location that is inaccessible by ambulance or when distance is a critical factor.

D. Department personnel requesting assistance from AFR shall provide the ECC with the following information about the person who needs emergency medical services (EMS):

1. Approximate age of the person;

2. Gender;

3. State of consciousness, such as conscious or unconscious;

4. Status of breathing;

5. Observed or reported injury or medical complaint; and

6. Whether or not the person is experiencing chest pain.
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   A. Based on Department personnel's training and abilities, they shall:

      1. Only, in an emergency medical situation, render medical aide based on their only training and abilities; and

   A.2. Only (verb) render medical aid to the degree of care necessary to sustain life, prevent or control shock, and to prevent further harm in an emergency medical and trauma situation; and
B.3. Department personnel shall immediately request Albuquerque Fire and Rescue (AFR) for incidents involving:

1. Serious physical injury;
   a.
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1. Sworn Department personnel shall not escort community members’ vehicles containing ill or injured passengers to medical facilities.
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2. a. If the individual community member declines assistance from an AFR response, Department personnel shall allow the individual community member to proceed and advise the driver to obey all traffic laws.

D.C. Rescue Helicopter

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E.D. Department personnel requesting assistance from AFR shall provide the ECC with the following information about the individual person who needs emergency medical services (EMS):

1. Approximate age of the individual person;
2. Gender;
3. State of consciousness, such as conscious or unconscious;
4. Status of breathing;
5. Observed or reported injury or medical complaint; and

6. Whether or not the individual is experiencing chest pain.