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Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this order establishes guidelines and regulations governing the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) by the Sacramento Police Department during a sudden cardiac emergency.

POLICY

All officers of the Sacramento Police Department shall be trained in the use of an AED in accordance with Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) standards and the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) standards. Officers shall also render medical aid pursuant to General Order 522.02 (Medical Treatment).

PROCEDURE

A. DEFINITIONS
   1. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) - A portable device that is used to assist persons experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. If necessary, the device delivers an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to aid the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.
   2. AED COORDINATOR – An employee assigned to the Advanced Officer Training Division (AOT) and responsible for the following:
      a. Initial and refresher training on the use of the AED.
      b. Reporting AED usage by officers.
      c. Condition of all assigned AED devices.

B. AED USE AND DEPLOYMENT
   1. An officer may use an AED only after receiving appropriate training from an approved public safety first aid and CPR course (22 CCR §§ 100014, 100017, and 100018).
      a. An AED shall be assigned to each of the seven patrol districts for late, mid, and day watch. The devices shall be shared and deployed by both patrol district teams on the same watch.
      b. Prior to the start of each shift, the district sergeant shall ensure an AED is deployed in the field.
      c. Officers deploying an AED in the field shall log on with “AED” in the code field for identification to dispatch and other units.
      d. In the event an AED is unavailable to be deployed, the district sergeant shall document the reason in their unit history.

C. AED USER RESPONSIBILITY
   1. Officers who are assigned an AED for a shift shall check the AED at the beginning of the shift to ensure it is properly charged and functioning. Any AED that is not functioning properly shall be taken out of service, and officers shall notify the AED coordinator via email (indicating that the device needs repairs or needs replacement).
   2. Following the use of an AED, the device shall be cleaned and decontaminated as required. The electrodes and pads should be replaced as recommended by the AED manufacturer.
   3. Any officer who uses an AED should contact the Communications Center as soon as possible and request response by EMS.

D. AED REPORTING
   1. Any officer using an AED shall:
      a. Notify their supervisor as soon as practical.
      b. Complete the applicable reports (e.g., crime, casualty, or incident) with the following AED-related information:
         (1) Date and time.
         (2) Number of uses.
         (3) Whether or not the use of the AED was successful.
         (4) Which responding emergency medical service arrived and took custody or care of the individual to which the AED was deployed.

2. Sergeants shall:
   a. Complete the City of Sacramento Police Department AED utilization report (SPD 572) and forward it to the AED coordinator by end of shift.
3. AED coordinator shall:
   a. Send an annual report on AED usage to the Sacramento County EMS no later than January 31st of the following calendar year.
   b. Ensure records of all maintenance reports be retained in accordance with the established records retention schedule (22 CCR 100021).

E. AED TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE

1. The AOT Division shall ensure appropriate training and refresher training is provided to officers authorized to use an AED. A list of authorized officers and training records shall be made available for inspection by the local EMS agency (LEMSA) or EMS authority upon request (22 CCR §§ 100021, 100022, and 100029).
2. All officers shall receive initial training that should include the following:
   a. Overview of California Civil Code § 1714.21, which permits law enforcement to render emergency care using an AED.
   b. Patient assessment for signs and symptoms of heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest.
   c. Scene safety.
   d. Universal precautions.
   e. Rescue breathing.
   f. Seeking medical attention.
   g. Basic AED operation.
   h. Using the AED.
   i. Troubleshooting and other considerations for the device.
   j. Single rescuer AED on adult, child, or infant
   k. Two rescuer AED use on an adult, child, or infant.
   l. Post-AED use care
3. Officers should receive refresher training every two years.
4. The AED coordinator shall be responsible for ensuring the AED devices are appropriately maintained and operational.