



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

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I. BACKGROUND

Eleven AED units are assigned to patrol officers in the Southern District. This assists our citizens in the treatment of cardiac arrest victims by providing additional response capabilities to these life-threatening events, along with Fire Department response. Additional AED units have been placed at all District Stations, as well as at the Headquarters, Animal Control, CID, Narcotics, SRO, SOS, and Training *Division* buildings, to treat police department personnel and members of the public. The Aviation Unit *and Quick Response Team are* also assigned an AED unit.

II. POLICY

First Responder AED units are assigned to officers in all ten patrol posts in Southern District. One additional AED unit is assigned to the shift sergeants. This AED unit may be used as a temporary replacement in case one of the patrol units is in need of maintenance. Each AED unit is marked with identifying post numbers. Officers assigned to a particular post will be responsible for passing the AED unit to the oncoming Post Car at the end of each shift.

First Responder AED Units are also assigned to the Special Operation Division; and to the Training Division.

Public Access AEDs are available in each Police Facility. Public Access AEDs assigned to Police Department facilities will be placed in an accessible location inside the facility. The AED unit will be kept inside a wall mounted AED cabinet. The cabinet will be marked with AED signage.

The Police Department Property Management Section is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of disposable AED related supplies (pads, batteries, scissors, etc.) for the First Responder AED units. The Public Access AEDs are maintained by a vendor selected by Central Services Risk Management, including the replacement of disposable supplies, downloading data for MIEMSS submission, etc.)

III. INSPECTION

First Responder AED units assigned to Southern District Patrol Officers will be kept in the rear seat compartment of the officer's vehicle. The day-work officer is responsible for inspecting the AED daily, and filling out the daily inspection log. *Special Operations Section and Training Division* personnel will be responsible for inspecting their assigned *First Responder* AEDs daily. *Any replacement supplies for First Responder AED unit will be obtained from Property Management.* All police facilities with *Public Access* AEDs will have someone assigned to inspect the AED daily. Supervisors will ensure that this inspection is taking place. The AED unit inspection will consist of a check of the battery indicator and a visual inspection that all equipment is present. The battery indicator should display "OK." If any Police Department personnel discover missing equipment or a non-functioning AED unit, they should immediately report this to their Executive Officer or Facility Commander. *In addition, each facility will*

assign an AED Coordinator who will document monthly inspections of each Public Access AED via the AED vendor's website. Any time a deficiency is noted during a daily inspection, the AED Coordinator will enter an additional inspection on the vendor's website noting the deficiency. Replacement AED batteries, pads *and other related AED supplies for a Public Access AED* will be obtained *from Risk Management's AED servicing provider for all Public Access AEDs.*

IV. RESPONSE

All "Cardiac Incident" calls will be dispatched as Priority 1 calls. Officers will respond appropriately and provide necessary care to the patient, until relieved by Fire Department Personnel.

If any disposable equipment *from a First Responder AED* is used in the care of a patient (i.e., AED pads and bag-valve masks), the AED operator should request replacement items from Fire Department Personnel on the scene. If the Pocket-Mask attached to the AED is used, then this item should be replaced by the Quartermaster. *If any disposable equipment from a Public Access AED is used, the replacement items will be provided by Risk Management's AED servicing provider.*

All patient uses of the AED will be documented on the Maryland Facility AED Report Form and police incident report. *In addition, patient uses of any public access AED maintained by Risk Management's AED servicing provider will be documented on the vendor's web site.* Blank Maryland Facility AED Report Forms will be kept with the AED unit. Completed forms will be faxed to the number listed on the form. *For First Responder AED patient uses,* the AED operator should notify the Southern District Executive Officer or the Police Training *Division* after any patient use, so that stored medical information inside the AED can be downloaded. A copy of the Maryland Facility AED Report Form, the downloaded AED medical information, and a copy of the incident report will be forwarded to the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Medical Director (MS 4286). The original Maryland Facility AED Report Form, the downloaded AED medical information, and a copy of the incident report will be sent to the Training *Division* for training purposes and record keeping. *For facility Public Access AED patient uses, the Maryland Facility AED Report Form will be completed as described above, however Risk Management's AED servicing provider will facilitate downloading and subsequent data submission.*

V. TRAINING

The Training *Division* will be responsible for initial and refresher AED training for all *required personnel.*

VI. PROPONENT UNIT: Bureau of Patrol.

VII. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 1619, dated 11-23-15.