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### Medical First Responder Program

#### 131.1 PURPOSE

One of the missions of the New Paltz Police Department is to provide initial prehospital emergency medical care and scene safety to all patients while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. The goal of prehospital emergency medical care is definitive care for the patient as rapidly and safely as the situation indicates with no deterioration of his/her condition and, when possible, in an improved condition.


#### 131.2 INTRODUCTION

Subject to officer availability, it will be the policy of the Department to send at least one on-duty officer to the scene of an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) call. Officers must secure and maintain all scenes prior to rendering emergency medical care. Once a police scene is secure and all life-threatening possibilities are resolved, officers will assume their second priority role of rendering emergency medical care.

The New Paltz Rescue Squad is primary ambulance provider for the Village and Town of New Paltz and is dispatched to the EMS calls for service to which we respond.

#### 131.3 PROCEDURES


1. Members will respond to all EMS calls in a police patrol unit utilizing emergency lights and sirens when necessary. All New York State Vehicle and Traffic laws pertaining to use of “lights and sirens” and when a vehicle is deemed to be an “emergency vehicle” will be followed.
2. Members on the scene of an EMS call will not cancel a responding ambulance for any reason including the patient’s desire to refuse medical treatment or transportation. It will be the decision of the arriving ambulance on whether to honor a refusal of treatment or transport.
3. In certain circumstances an officer on the scene of an EMS call may find the need to act as a law enforcement officer in lieu of providing emergency medical care. If this occurs another officer will be requested to respond to the scene assume either of the roles. In the event an on-scene officer must change roles from emergency care provider to police officer or leave the medical scene and respond to another police call, that officer will make appropriate other arrangements to have the emergency medical care continued.
4. Dispatch and Response
  - a. Certified officers will respond to EMS calls within the Village and Town of New Paltz. Exceptions to this will be EMS calls at medical Facilities, SUNY New Paltz, Mohonk Mountain House, Nursing Homes and the New York State Thruway unless authorized by supervisory personnel.

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- b. Additionally, all department vehicles are equipped with two way radios to receive and communicate with the New Paltz Emergency Communication Center (ECC) and Ulster County 911 Communications Center and the New Paltz Rescue Squad. The department utilizes the 800 MHz frequency for internal communications. All patrol units have the capability to receive the dispatches for and communicate with the New Paltz Rescue Squad by monitoring the channel designed for this purpose. This channel will always remain in the scan list and this radio must be in the scan mode at all times.
- 5. Medical Response Bag
  - a. All members will carry a department issued medical response bag in their patrol unit. Any questions regarding which members will carry these bags while on duty will be decided by the on-duty supervisor.
  - b. These bags will normally be kept in the patrol vehicles, but during severely cold days, officers may be required to store the vehicles in the station if not being used on the next tour.
  - c. Anytime the bag is used on a medical call, that officer will be responsible for re-stocking all its equipment. If restocking supplies are unavailable contact the department medical coordinator for assistance. If he/she is unavailable, contact the New Paltz Rescue Squad for emergency/temporary replenishment. If the oxygen tank falls below 500 pounds contact the New Paltz Rescue Squad for replenishment.
- 6. Basic Life Support Protocols
  - a. Members will follow the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency medical Service's Statewide Basic Life Support Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocols when rendering emergency medical care.
- 7. Documentation
  - a. Anytime an officer assesses and/or initiates emergency medical care on an individual, a patient care report will be completed. These forms will be issued by the department and an ample supply is to be kept with all certified officers at all times. Officers obtain all information in a timely manner. A copy of this report will be given to the transporting ambulance on their arrival. These forms are to be submitted with the office's daily activity reports at the end of the officer's shift.

**131.4 EQUIPMENT CARRIED** – all department medical bags will be equipped with the following medical supplies at all times:

1. twelve sterile 4"x4" gauze pads;
2. adhesive tape, 3 rolls assorted sizes;
3. six rolls conforming gauze bandage;
4. two universal dressings, minimum 10 by 30 inches;


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5. six 5"x9" (minimum size) sterile dressings or equivalent;
6. one pair of bandage shears;
7. six triangular bandages;
8. sterile normal saline in plastic container (1/2 liter minimum) within the manufacturer's expiration date;
9. one air occlusive dressing;
10. one liquid glucose or equivalent;
11. disposable sterile burn sheet;
12. sterile O.B. kit;
13. Israeli bandage or equivalent
14. Oxygen and resuscitation equipment consisting of:
  - a. Portable oxygen with a minimum 350 liter capacity with pressure gauge regulator and flow meter medical "D" PSI size or larger. The oxygen cylinder must contain a minimum of 1000 PSI pressure;
  - b. Manually operated self-refilling bag valve mask ventilation devices in pediatric and adult sizes with a system capable of operating with oxygen enrichment and clear adult, and clear pediatric size masks with air cushion;
  - c. Two each: disposable non-rebreather oxygen masks, and disposable nasal cannula individually wrapped;
  - d. Pen light or flashlight.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH OFFICER TO MAINTAIN, CHECK AND RESTOCK ALL SUPPLIES WHENEVER THE EQUIPMENT IS IN THEIR POSSESSION.**

**131.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The New Paltz Rescue Squad agrees to provide Quality Improvement / Quality Assurance services to the New Paltz Police Department (see attached dated June 15, 1998). Upon transfer of a patient from the care of the Police Department to the Rescue Squad the Police officer will provide the Rescue Squad with a history of the incident / condition of the patient as well as provide a copy of the Police Department Patient Care Report. The Rescue Squad will permanently attach the Patient Care Report to the original Pre-hospital Care Report filed by the Rescue Squad crew. In accordance with the Rescue Squad's Quality Improvement / Quality Assurance program the Q/I committee will review the Police Department's patient Care Report. This review will be conducted to ensure that proper patient care was carried out and that the documentation was clear and concise. The results of the review will be forwarded to the Police Officer treating the patient and the Chief of Police or his designee.

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The Rescue Squad makes available to the Police Department all training sessions and Continuing Medical Education programs held. These sessions are offered on a voluntary attendance basis.

Additionally, the police department will offer continuing medical education to its members including yearly OSHA, bi-annual CPR re-certification, and bi-annual ASHI Advanced First Aid Certification