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SICK AND INJURED PERSONS

201.10 - 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines concerning Department procedures when encountering sick or injured persons in the performance of duty.

201.10 - 2 POLICY

It is the policy of this Department that the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) has the primary responsibility of conveying sick or injured persons in the City of Detroit. However, this department must still be prepared to convey sick or injured persons in cases of extreme emergency.

201.10 - 3 Procedures

EMS personnel, whether on or off duty, who respond to the scene of a sick or injured person and properly identify themselves, shall be allowed to administer any emergency medical treatment and to determine if the sick or injured person should be conveyed to a hospital for further treatment.

In all sick and injury runs, officers shall bear in mind that no member of the Department can presume to be medically qualified to pronounce death, and no criticism can arise from conveying a person to a hospital if death is not obvious. If doubt exists, the person should be conveyed to a hospital immediately. If death is obvious, e.g., rigor mortis has set in, the body is decapitated, completely mutilated or decomposed, the scene shall be maintained intact. If EMS personnel are on the scene, they shall determine if death is obvious or if the person should be conveyed.

201.10 - 4 Conveyance in Police Vehicles

Sick or injured persons shall be conveyed in police vehicles only when EMS is not available. Officers conveying sick or injured persons shall notify the zone dispatcher immediately. The zone dispatcher shall direct the officers to the appropriate hospital capable of handling the situation.

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In serious cases, the zone dispatcher shall call the hospital to verify the availability of emergency facilities and may, if necessary, redirect the police vehicle to another certified hospital, which does have the available facilities. Police prisoners shall normally be conveyed to Detroit Receiving Hospital (DRH). EMS personnel are responsible for the ultimate decision on where to convey any sick or injured person. If a police prisoner is conveyed to a facility other than DRH, the precinct or command responsible for the prisoner is responsible for guarding the prisoner, until the prisoner is discharged by this Department, medically discharged or arraigned. Additionally, the conveying officers shall prepare a Detainee Medical Care Referral form (DPD660), which requires a supervisor's signature for the transport of the detainee to DRH.

201.10 - 5 Special Circumstances**201.10 - 5.1 City Employees**

City employees who become ill or injured while working shall be conveyed to the nearest emergency hospital if their condition appears serious. Their department supervisor shall be notified of such action. If the city employee's ailment is not serious, the employee's supervisor shall be contacted for instructions.

201.10 - 5.2 Board of Education Employees and Students

Students, teachers, and other Board of Education employees who become sick or are injured while at a public school shall be transported to hospitals designated by the Board of Education whenever the condition of the sick or injured person permits. The school administration knows the appropriate hospital for sick or injured employees or students.

201.10 - 5.3 Known Tuberculin Carrier

When officers come in contact with a known tuberculin carrier they should wear their N-95 particulate mask, if trained. If transportation is necessary, the tuberculin carrier shall be transported with the windows down and provided with an N-95 particulate or dust mask. Mask(s) are available through General Services Inventory Management. After contact with such persons officers should complete a Report of Injury or Disability (DPD101) and contact Police Medical for further direction.

201.10 - 5.4 Known Carrier of Contagious Diseases

When officers come in contact with a known carrier of contagious diseases they should take universal precautions. After contact with such persons, or other persons known to have contagious diseases, officers should wash their hands, if appropriate, and complete a Report of Injury or Disability (DPD101). Members shall contact Police Medical for further direction.

201.10 Sick and Injured Persons**201.10 - 5.5 Pregnancy Cases**

When an officer receives a request for hospital transportation from a pregnant woman in labor, the member shall notify the zone dispatcher, who shall contact EMS. If an EMS unit is not available, the zone dispatcher will advise the officer.

201.10 - 5.6 Armed Forces Personnel and Merchant Seamen

Members of the armed services and merchant seamen who require emergency medical attention shall be conveyed to the nearest certified emergency hospital, in accordance with general conveyance procedures. The Selfridge Air Base Call Center Command Post shall be notified when members of the armed services, merchant seaman or Coast Guard become ill or injured. The Selfridge Air Base Call Center Command Post's telephone number is (586) 239-6528. The Call Center Command Post has the capability to make any necessary notifications in case of emergency.

201.10 - 6 Selection of Hospital

Officers conveying sick or injured persons shall notify the zone dispatcher immediately. The dispatcher shall direct the officers to the appropriate hospital capable of handling the situation. The commanding officer of Communications Operations shall assure that an accurate list of emergency hospitals is kept and that zone dispatchers are familiar with the list so that they may advise officers requesting assistance in selecting the appropriate hospital for conveyance.

201.10 - 7 Patient's Property for Evidence

When the property (including clothing) of a DRH patient is required for evidence, the conveying officer shall place the evidence in the property envelope along with an evidence tag. The evidence shall be placed at the *Detroit Detention Center* and logged in the desk blotter.

Related Forms:

- Report of Injury or Disability (DPD 101)
- Detainee Medical Care Referral form (DPD 660)