



# 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 Academy buildings, to treat police department personnel and members of the public. The Aviation Unit is also assigned an AED unit.

## **II. POLICY**

An AED unit is assigned to 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.

AED's 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 AED unit assigned to the Aviation Unit will be kept on the helicopter.

## **III. INSPECTION**

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. Booking personnel will be responsible for the inspection of District AED units (Refer to Index Code 2004). Aviation Unit personnel will be responsible for inspecting their assigned AED daily. All other Police facilities with an AED 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. The Executive Officer or the Facility Commander will ensure that AED pads are replaced when expired. Replacement AED batteries or pads will be obtained from Property Management.

## **IV. RESPONSE**

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

AED's assigned to other Police Department facilities will be used by trained personnel, who will provide necessary care to the patient, until relieved by Fire Department Personnel.

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If any disposable equipment 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.

All patient uses of the AED will be documented on the Maryland Facility AED Report Form. 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. The AED operator should notify the Southern District Executive Officer 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 Academy for training purposes and record keeping.

**V. TRAINING**

The Training Academy will be responsible for initial and refresher AED training for all Police Officers and Booking Officers.

**VI. PROPONENT UNIT:** Bureau *of Patrol*.

**VII. CANCELLATION:** This directive cancels Index Code 1619, dated 12-03-09.