

POLICY #204: PUBLIC SAFETY AED SERVICE PROVIDER

APPROVAL

I. PURPOSE

A. To establish criteria as defined by Title 22 of the California code of Regulations (CCR), for the approval, requirements and responsibilities of a Public Safety automatic external defibrillation (AED) Service Provider in the County of San Luis Obispo (SLO).

II. SCOPE

A. This policy applies to all agencies or organizations that employ individuals as public safety personnel, lifeguard, firefighter, and peace officer, for first responder emergency medical services (EMS) and obtain AEDs for the purpose of providing AED services to the general public.

1. Except for State or Federal Agencies, who are approved by the State.

III. DEFINITIONS

- Public Safety AED Service Provider: An agency, or organization which is responsible for, and is approved to operate, an AED.
- Public Safety Agency: An agency in SLO that employs Public Safety Personnel.
- Public Safety Personnel:
 - Firefighters: Any officer, employee or member of a fire department or fire protection or firefighting agency of the State of California, or any city, county, city and county, district or other public or municipal corporation or political subdivision of California or any member of an emergency reserve unit of a volunteer fire department or fire protection district.
 - Lifeguards: Any officer, employee, or member of a public aquatic safety department or marine safety agency of the State of California, or any city, county, city and county, district or other public or municipal corporation or political subdivision of California.
 - Peace Officers: Any city police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, peace officer member of the California Highway Patrol, marshal or deputy marshal or police officer of a district authorized by statute to maintain a police department or other police officer required by law to complete PSFA training.

IV. POLICY

A. A Public Safety Agency must submit a written request to the County of SLO Emergency Medical Services Agency (SLOEMSA) to be approved as a Public Safety AED Service Provider.

- B. SLOEMSA will provide a written response to the request within twenty-one (21) days.
- C. An approved Public Safety AED Service Provider must provide an orientation of specific AED equipment to all Public Safety Personnel upon hiring and prior to authorization for use on a patient.
- D. An approved Public Safety AED Service Provider must ensure initial and continued competence of AED authorized Public Safety Personnel.
- E. Public Safety Personnel who fail to meet and maintain AED competency will not be authorized to use an AED on a patient.
- F. An approved Public Safety AED Service Provider must ensure maintenance of AED equipment.
- G. A Public Safety AED Service Provider approval may be revoked or suspended for failure to maintain the requirements of this policy and CCR.
 - 1. Current CCR supersedes this policy.
- H. Patient care provided by Public Safety Personnel will be reported and handed off to any arriving EMS personnel who is authorized at a higher medical level, as soon as is feasible.
- I. A Public Safety AED Service Provider approval does not expire.
 - 1. If approval is no longer wanted or required, the Public Safety Agency must submit a written notification to SLOEMSA.
- J. Any costs incurred creating, implementing and maintaining a Public Safety AED Service Provider approval will be the sole responsibility of the Public Safety Agency.
- K. An approved Public Safety AED Service Provider and its authorized Public Safety Personnel will be recognized statewide.
- L. SLOEMSA's Medical Director must approve any exceptions to the requirements of this policy.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. Public Safety Agencies seeking approval as a Public Safety AED Service Provider must submit a written request to SLOEMSA, and include:
 - 1. A statement that all employed Public Safety Personnel either have been or will be oriented to the Agency's specific AED equipment prior to use on a patient.
 - 2. A statement ensuring continued competency of AED authorized Public Safety Personnel.
 - 3. A statement ensuring continued maintenance of AED equipment.

VI. AUTHORITY

- Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9

Approvals:

EMS Agency, Administrator	
EMS Agency, Medical Director	