



Public Safety Defibrillation Program

EMS ADMINISTRATION 107

PURPOSE

- I. A. The purpose of this policy is to outline the minimum standards for Public Safety and EMT Service Providers and Personnel for the use of Public Safety AEDs in the Napa County EMS System.

POLICY

I. PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

- A. Any Public Safety Service Provider wishing to utilize AEDs within the County of Napa must be authorized by the Napa County EMS Agency.
- B. To be approved by the Napa County EMS Agency, each Public Safety provider must agree to do the following:
 - 1. Submit a completed application.
 - 2. Designate a Program Liaison.
 - 3. Utilize only AEDs that store a computerized recording of rhythms, times, and interventions.
 - 4. Ensure proper maintenance of all AED equipment – maintenance to include monthly equipment inspection completed and documented.
 - 5. Ensure initial training and continued competence of AED authorized personnel.
 - 6. Designate a QI Coordinator responsible for implementing and maintaining the quality improvement activities required in this policy.
 - 7. Authorize personnel to use an AED and maintain a list of all authorized personnel and provide the list to the EMS Agency annually or upon request.
- C. An approved AED service provider and its authorized personnel shall be recognized statewide.
- D. Public Safety AED service provider approval may be revoked or suspended for failure to maintain the requirements of this policy and/or applicable state regulations.

II. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Public Safety AED Service Provider must utilize an initial training course that meets the training standards outlined in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5 of the California Code of Regulations.
- B. Provide orientation of AED authorized personnel to the specific AED used by the service provider.
- C. To ensure that all AED authorized personnel are proficient in the use of an AED they shall demonstrate defibrillation skills, at a minimum, every other year.

III. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- A. Each Public Safety AED service provider shall designate a Program Liaison/Quality Improvement (QI) Coordinator. This individual shall be responsible for ensuring that all authorized AED personnel meet the training requirements of this policy.
- B. The Program Liaison/QI Coordinator is also responsible for ensuring the quality and continuous improvement of their agencies Public Safety AED program.

1. Each AED use shall be audited.
 2. Any audit that identifies improper care or AED use shall be reported to the Napa County EMS Agency within one week of the AED use.
 3. Copies of the report for each call involving an AED shall be maintained for a minimum of four years and shall be made available to the Napa County EMS Agency upon request.
- C. The goal of the on-going continuous quality improvement efforts will be to strive for an affirmative answer to each of the following questions regarding AED usage.
1. Did personnel quickly recognize sudden cardiac arrest and the need for a response?
 2. Did the personnel quickly and effectively set up the necessary equipment?
 3. Was adequate BLS maintained?
 4. Was defibrillation, when recommended, performed as rapidly as possible?
 5. Was the AED operated safely, correctly, and following the Napa County EMS Agency standing orders?
 6. Did the AED operate properly, e.g. recommend shock when appropriate?

IV. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

- A. Each Public Safety AED service provider shall report the following information on the [Napa County EMS Event Reporting Form](#) within twenty-four (24) hours of an incident where a Public Safety AED has been used:
1. The date/time of the incident
 2. The incident number
 3. Was the sudden cardiac arrest witnessed or not witnessed
 4. Was CPR given, if so by whom
 5. Was a shock recommended/given. If yes, how many shocks