WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject: AED		Policy # 5.1.41
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5.1.41 AED

A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the use of AED's to assist the Emergency Medical Services in the saving of lives in our community.

B. POLICY

It will be the policy of this department to train officers in the use of the AED and respond to all calls for service and offer aid consistent with AED training and Montgomery County EMS protocols.

C. PROCEDURE

1. Required Training

   a. Officers are required to maintain current MPOETC requirement for CPR and First Aid prior to AED training or initiating AED procedures.
   b. Officers are required to successfully complete AED training before initiating AED procedures.
   c. Officers must re-certify for AED training as required at the direction of the county medical director.
   d. Officers may only use AED equipment they have been trained to use.

2. Equipment

   a. An AED unit shall be carried in each zone car in service being operated by a police officer. Duty supervisors will insure that all available units are deployed.
   b. Officers will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the AED unit assigned.
   c. An officer will be assigned to be the AED certified provider. As such, he/she will be responsible to conduct general maintenance and to act as the "AED Coordinator" and the liaison with Montgomery County EMS.
   d. Any officer experiencing a problem with an AED unit shall immediately place the unit out of service and then notify the AED Coordinator.

3. Response

a. Officers will respond to all ambulance calls, except if the officer is enroute to or presently engaged in an investigation or incident where the lack of police interventions or presence could result in serious bodily injury or death.
b. On arrival trained AED officers will access the circumstances and follow AED protocol for delivering shocks. Should EMS personnel arrive prior to the completion of the procedure, officers will continue the AED protocol.
c. After delivery of shocks, EMS personnel will assume care of the patient and transport accordingly. Officers shall assist as required.

4. Reporting Requirements

   a. Officers shall complete an incident report and a county report form. The incident report must include the following information:

      i. Patient's name
      ii. Patient's address
      iii. Age
      iv. Sex
      v. Date of episode
      vi. Time of dispatch and arrival
      vii. Officer's name
      viii. Number of shocks delivered

   b. Completed reports shall be forwarded to the department AED Coordinator.

3. Officers will provide a verbal report to EMS personnel at the scene.