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.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Montana State University Billings Police Department that all officers be trained to provide emergency medical aid and to facilitate necessary emergency medical responses.

412.3 FIRST RESPONDING MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to initiating medical aid, the officer should contact City/County Dispatch and request a response by emergency medical services (EMS) when appropriate.

Officers should follow universal precautions when providing medical aid, such as wearing gloves and avoiding contact with bodily fluids. Officers should use a barrier or bag device to

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or illness, the officer should contact a supervisor, who will determine whether medical clearance will be obtained prior to booking.

If the jail or detention facility refuses to accept custody of an arrestee based on medical screening, the officer should note the name of the facility person refusing to accept custody and the reason for refusal, and should notify a supervisor to determine the appropriate action.

Arrestees who appear to have a serious medical issue should be transported by ambulance.

412.6 MEDICAL ATTENTION RELATED TO USE OF FORCE

Specific guidelines for medical attention for injuries sustained from a use of force may be found in the Use of Force, Handcuffing and Restraints, and Conducted Energy Device policies.

412.7 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) PROGRAM

412.7.1 AED USE

Officers may use an AED under this program only after completing initial training and after receiving refresher training no less than every two years on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the proper use of an AED (ARM 37.104.610).

412.7.2 AED USER RESPONSIBILITY

Officers who are issued AEDs for use in Department vehicles should check the AED at the beginning of the shift to ensure it is properly charged and functioning. Any AED that is not functioning properly will be taken out of service and notice will be given to a Department supervisor for ensuring appropriate maintenance.

Following use of an AED, the device shall be cleaned and/or decontaminated as required. The electrodes and/or pads will be replaced as recommended by the AED manufacturer.

Any officer who uses an AED should contact City/County Dispatch as soon as possible to request response by EMS (§ 50-6-502, MCA).

412.7.3 AED REPORTING

Any officer using an AED will complete a report detailing its use.

412.7.4 AED TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE