# MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE

### POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office to immediately respond to and provide emergency medical care and security to inmates housed at the Marin County Jail experiencing a medical emergency.

## PROCEDURE

When notified of an inmate having a medical emergency, a Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, and/or Licensed Nurse Practitioner shall respond to the location of the medical emergency and upon arrival will be the designated medical emergency team leader. The team leader will direct the efforts of all additional medical personnel who respond to the medical emergency. At least two deputies will also respond to the medical emergency to provide security to the inmate and medical staff. The jail will be placed on a lockdown status should a sergeant deem it necessary. The initial deputy responding to the medical emergency will secure the area by locking down all inmates. Once the immediate area has been secured, the medical personnel will enter the area to provide emergency care as required.

The emergency bag will be taken to the location of the medical emergency. Emergency bags are kept in the Special Housing exam room, F-Pod, Booking, and the in medical office. If oxygen is required during the medical emergency, a deputy on scene will radio for emergency oxygen to be brought to the scene and a deputy will bring an oxygen tank to the scene. Oxygen tanks are located in the Special Housing medical exam room and the medical office. If an AED is required, a deputy will retrieve one from either X80's office or Booking and transport the AED to the scene.

If the team leader determines that San Rafael Fire Department Paramedics and/or an ambulance is needed, a deputy on scene will notify Central Control via radio and Central Control will request SRFD Paramedics respond to the scene. If the inmate is required to be transported outside of the facility for further treatment and/or assessment, a sergeant will assign two deputies to a transportation detail. One deputy will ride along in the ambulance in order to provide security and the second deputy will escort the ambulance in a Sheriff's Office vehicle. The Deputy riding along in the ambulance will ensure the inmate is placed in appropriate restraints.

If it is determined that the inmate needs to be transported out of the facility, the medical team leader will complete the transport form and document the incident in the health record, which notifies the Nurse Manager.

### **RELATED STANDARDS**:

None

# DATE REVISED

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By order of

JAMIE SCARDINA BUREAU COMMANDER