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Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Deployment to Police Vehicles
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The Department, in partnership with Philips and SF Safe, has developed the Adopt a Police Car Program where members of the community, businesses and other organizations have donated Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Outfitting police vehicles with these devices enables members, as first responders, to use this tool to save a life.

To date, our community partners have provided the Department with forty-four AEDs which will be distributed to the ten district stations to be used by officers on patrol. Commanding Officers will choose which sector cars will be outfitted with the AEDs based on the number of defibrillators provided to each station. As the Department obtains additional donated devices, the stations will receive the new defibrillators.

Each station's Facility Coordinator is responsible for mounting the Philips *FRx* Defibrillator in the vehicle's trunk and for maintaining each device. These units are identical to the Philips units used in Continued Professional Training's First Aid /CPR course.

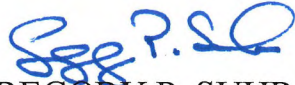
Members shall use the AEDs only when the following symptoms exist: unconscious, not breathing, and no pulse prior to the arrival of SFPD or a private ambulance. Absent a required use, members shall not remove the defibrillators from a vehicle's trunk.

The unit requires members to press the on/off button and follow the voice prompts. These units have a pediatric 'key' which is pink in color and highly visible when the case is opened. Members shall use this key only during pediatric sudden death events. When the AED is deployed, the member who used the device is required to complete the AED Post Incident Report (SFPD Form 565b) (contained in the kit) and fax it to the Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP) Coordinator at the Staff Services Division (415) 837-7243 by the end of watch.

On a monthly basis, the Facilities Coordinator shall inspect the mobile defibrillators to ensure the readiness of the unit. The Facilities Coordinator shall complete an AED Monthly Checklist (SFPD Form 565a) and send it to the IIPP Coordinator at the Staff Services Division.

If an AED Unit does not exhibit the 'readiness' flashing green light, or is emitting a chirping sound, or is in need of obvious repair, the Facilities Coordinator shall take the AED out of service and notify the IIPP Coordinator at the Staff Services Division.

Per DB 15-141, both sworn and non-sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge this Department Bulletin in HRMS.


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