

Automatic External Defibrillators

348.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To enhance public service and to assist in cardiac emergencies the Louisville Police Department will deploy Automatic External Defibrillator (A.E.D.) units in patrol vehicles and at the Louisville Police Department.

348.2 PROCEDURE

- a. Patrol Deployment
 1. A minimum of one A.E.D. unit will be deployed to one patrol officer during each shift.
 2. The A.E.D. units will be available in the field 24 hours a day.
 3. Officers equipped with A.E.D. units may be asked to break from other calls in order to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest emergency as long as their absence does not endanger lives at the other call.
 4. Once on scene of a sudden cardiac arrest emergency, officers equipped with A.E.D. units will be responsible for victim care until the arrival of the ambulance crew or firefighters. The officer will also relay the details of the incident to the medical staff.
 5. If an officer uses an A.E.D. unit on a victim, the officer shall complete a written report on the incident.
- b. Louisville Police Department
 1. A minimum of one A.E.D. unit will be available at the police department for employee use.

348.3 TRAINING

- a. Prior to a member using an A.E.D. unit, they shall attend training provided by a certified instructor on the proper use of A.E.D. units.
- b. Once certified, on an A.E.D. unit, members shall demonstrate competency on an A.E.D. every 24 months in accordance with state regulations.
- c. Copies of each members training on the A.E.D. unit shall also be maintained by the Operations Corporal.

