



DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

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Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Deployment to Police Vehicles (Re-issue DB 16-058)

The Department has recently purchased 250 Philips HeartStart FRx Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to be distributed to department vehicles throughout the city outfitting police vehicles with these devices enables members, as first responders, to use this tool to save lives.

Each station's Vehicle Maintenance Officer (VMO) is responsible for placing the AED in the department vehicle's trunk. The VMO is responsible for maintaining each device and maintaining an inventory that documents the specific placement of each device.

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

The device requires members to press the on/off button and follow the voice prompts. Members are advised that these AED's do not have a pediatric 'key'. The defibrillators are issued with a First Responder Kit that includes a CPR mouthpiece, scissors for removal of clothing and a safety razor.

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 [REDACTED] by the end of watch.

Upon using the AED, the VMO of the station or unit that used the device shall contact the Administration Bureau Sergeant or Fleet Manager for replacement pads so the device may be redistributed to a vehicle.

On a monthly basis, the station or unit VMO shall inspect the mobile defibrillators to ensure the readiness of the unit. The VMO 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 VMO shall take the AED out of service and notify the IIPP Coordinator at the Staff Services Division.

Members assigned to the Airport Bureau shall follow SFPD AB Protocols on the use and care of AED Devices.

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Per DB 17-080, both sworn and non-sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge receipt and review of this Department Bulletin in HRMS.