

**Lower Providence Township Police Department  
Eagleville, Pennsylvania**

General Order ☒  
Special Order ☐  
Personnel Order ☐

**ORDER NUMBER**

**309**

**Subject**

**Use of Automatic External Defibrillators**

**Date of Issue**

**January 29, 2020**

**Effective Date**

**January 29, 2020**

**Expiration Date**

**Until Amended or  
Rescinded**

**Issued by:**

**Michael Jackson, Chief of Police**

**Amends**

**Rescinds**

**All Previous Orders**

**Standard Number**

**Distribution**

- 1. General Order Manuals**
- 2. Records Manual**
- 3. Reading Verification to all Personnel**

**I. PURPOSE**

To establish a policy for the use of AED's to assist Emergency Medical Services in the saving of lives in our community.

**II. POLICY**

It will be the policy of this Department to train members in the use of the AED and respond to all calls for service when dispatched by the Lower Providence Township Police Dispatch Center and offer aid consistent with the AED training.

**III. REGULATION**

**A. Required Training**

1. Members are required to maintain current MPOETC requirements for CPR and First Aid prior to AED training or initiating AED procedures.
2. Members are required to successfully complete AED training before initiating AED procedures.
3. Members should re-certify for AED training during normal re-certification for First Aid and CPR.
4. Members may only use AED equipment that they have been trained to use.

**B. Equipment**

1. An AED Unit will be carried in the assigned patrol vehicle and AED unit shall be maintained in the Dispatch Center of the police facility.
2. Members will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the AED unit assigned.

3. A member of Lower Providence Township staff will be assigned to be the AED certified provider to be responsible to conduct general maintenance and to act as “AED Coordinator” and liaison with Montgomery County EMS.
  4. Any member experiencing a problem with an AED shall notify the AED Coordinator in writing describing the specific problem with the unit with a copy forwarded to the Lieutenant.
- C. Response
1. Members will respond to all calls dispatched by the Montgomery County Radio Room that could include a cardiac arrest situation.  
EXCEPTION – The member is enroute to or presently engaged in an investigation or incident where the lack of police intervention or presence could result in serious bodily injury or death.
  2. Arrival - trained AED members will assess the circumstances and follow AED protocol for delivering shocks. Should EMS personnel arrive prior to the completion of the procedure, members will continue AED protocol.
  3. If a Basic Life Support Unit arrives before the police and the patient’s status deteriorates to the point where an AED would be required, the member should begin AED protocol.
  4. After delivery of shocks, EMS personnel will assume care of the patient and transport accordingly. Officers shall discontinue care by removing the unit from the patient. Used electrodes and the AED unit shall be forwarded to the AED Coordinator for retrieval of data and new electrodes.
  5. Members should not use the AED unit when:
    - a. Obvious major trauma is present.
    - b. Any situation precluding safe use of the AED such as immersion in water exists.
- D. Reporting Requirements
1. Members shall complete an Incident Report. The incident report must include the following information:
    - a. Patient’s name
    - b. Patient’s address
    - c. Age
    - d. Sex
    - e. Date of Incident
    - f. Time of dispatch and arrival
    - g. Officer’s name
    - h. Number of shocks delivered
  2. Completed reports shall be forwarded to the Department AED Coordinator upon request.
  3. Members will provide a verbal report to EMS personnel at the scene.
- E. Supervisory Responsibility
1. The Shift Supervisor or OIC will be responsible for ensuring that the available AED units are assigned to patrol personnel prior to initiating patrol.
  2. The Shift Supervisor or OIC will be responsible for ensuring that all requirements of this General Order are adhered to.

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