



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PROCEDURAL ORDERS

SOP 2-31 (Formerly 1-08)

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## 2-31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA SERVICES

### Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

[2-56 Use of Force: Reporting by Department Personnel](#)

B. Form(s)

None

C. Other Resource(s)

None

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

### 2-31-1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to provide information to Albuquerque Police Department (Department) personnel to use when individuals or community members are in need of emergency medical and trauma services.

### 2-31-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Department to provide Department personnel with procedures for assisting individuals or community members who are in need of emergency medical and trauma services.

**N/A** 2-31-3 Definitions

None

**7** 2-31-4 Procedures

**6** A. Department personnel shall:

1. Only render medical aid based on their training and abilities;
2. Only render medical aid to the degree necessary to sustain life, prevent or control shock, and prevent further harm in an emergency medical and trauma situation;

**5** 3. Immediately request Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) for incidents involving:



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- a. A serious physical injury;
- b. An illness;
- c. An overdose;
- d. A suspected death; or
- e. A complaint of an injury sustained during a use of force incident, consistent with SOP Use of Force: Reporting by Department Personnel (refer to SOP Use of Force: Reporting by Department Personnel for sanction classifications and additional duties).

4. Provide the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) Dispatcher with the following information about the person who needs emergency medical services (EMS) when requesting assistance from AFR:

- a. Approximate age of the person;
- b. Gender;
- c. State of consciousness (conscious or unconscious);
- d. Status of breathing;
- e. Observed or reported injury or medical complaint; and
- f. Whether the person is experiencing chest pain.

B. Escorting Vehicles

1. Department personnel shall not escort a community member's vehicle occupied by an ill or injured passenger(s) to a medical facility.
2. Department personnel shall request that AFR respond to the community member's location to provide medical assistance and transportation.
  - a. If the community member declines assistance from AFR, Department personnel shall allow the community member to proceed and advise the driver to obey all traffic laws.

N/A

C. Rescue Helicopter

Department personnel may contact the ECC for activation requests when a patient is at a location that is inaccessible by an ambulance or when distance is a critical factor.