



## 2-31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL 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### Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):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D. Rescinded Special Order(s)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 when individuals are in need of emergency medical services.

### 2-31-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Department to provide Department personnel with procedures for individuals in need of emergency medical services.

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

None

**7** 2-31-4 Procedures

A. Based on Department personnel’s training and abilities, they shall, in an emergency medical situation, render only that degree of care necessary to sustain life, prevent or control shock, and prevent further harm.

**5** B. Department personnel shall immediately request Albuquerque Fire and Rescue (AFR) for incidents involving:

1. Serious physical injury;
2. Illness;



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3. Overdose;
4. Suspected death; or
5. Complaint of injury, consistent with SOP Use of Force -- Reporting by Department Personnel.

C. Escorting Vehicles

1. Sworn personnel shall not escort community members' vehicles containing ill or injured passengers to medical facilities.
  - a. Sworn personnel shall request that AFR respond to the individual's location to provide medical assistance and transportation.
2. If the individual declines an AFR response, personnel shall allow the individual to proceed and advise the driver to obey all traffic laws.

D. Rescue Helicopter

Department personnel may contact the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for activation procedures when a patient is at a location that is inaccessible by ambulance or distance is a critical factor.

E. Department personnel requesting AFR shall provide the ECC with the following information about the individual(s):

1. Approximate age of the individual;
2. Gender;
3. State of consciousness (unconscious or conscious);
4. Status of breathing;
5. Observed or reported injury or medical complaint; and
6. Whether or not the individual is experiencing chest pain.