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**CRAIG POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Office of Chief of Police**  
**General Order**

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**Subject:** Automatic External Defibrillator

**Reference:** CACP STD

**To:** All Personnel

**I. POLICY:**

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

**II. DEFINITIONS:**

*AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (A.E.D.):* An Automatic External Defibrillator delivers a short, high-energy pulse of electricity to the heart through defibrillation electrodes applied to the chest of the patient.

*SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST EMERGENCY:* Any call where a victim has suddenly collapsed, is unconscious, is not breathing and has no pulse.

**III. 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. If required, officers will be responsible for meeting with oncoming officers in order to transfer A.E.D. units.
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 Memorial Hospital Emergency Response Team.
5. If an officer uses an A.E.D. unit on a victim, the officer shall complete a written incident report on the incident and a copy of this report will be provided to responding medical staff, before the officer goes home. If

possible, the officer shall also respond to the hospital with the patient to brief hospital staff.

6. Any officer that deploys and uses the AED must also complete the AED usage log.

**B. Training Requirements**

1. Prior to an officer being assigned an A.E.D. unit, the officer shall attend a minimum of 4 hours of training provided by a certified instructor on the proper use of A.E.D. units and have a current CPR card.
2. Once certified on an A.E.D. unit, officers shall demonstrate competency on an A.E.D. unit every 24 months in accordance with state regulations.
3. The Memorial Hospital Emergency Response Team will regulate all A.E.D. training and will maintain all training records. Copies of each officers training on the A.E.D. shall also be maintained by the Craig Police Department.

**Approved By:**

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