

FRESNO/KINGS/MADERA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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I. POLICY

On-duty Public Safety personnel trained at the First Aid level shall provide appropriate emergency medical care to victims of injury and/or illness within their approved scope of practice.

II. PROCEDURE

While at the scene of an emergency or during transport of the sick and injured, an individual with a current First Aid for Public Safety card may do the following:

- A. Evaluate the ill and injured.
- B. Render rescue and first aid to patients with one or more of the following:
 - 1. medical emergencies;
 - 2. trauma emergencies;
 - 3. environmental emergencies;
 - 4. obstetrical emergencies.
- C. Obtain diagnostic signs including blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates and quality of consciousness, capillary refill and pupil status, if training was provided in curriculum.
- D. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- E. Provide initial prehospital emergency care on trauma, which includes:
 - 1. controlling external hemorrhage;
 - 2. applying dressings, bandages and slings;

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3. immobilizing simple skeletal injuries, with simple splints;
 4. performing simple extrication and disentanglement from entrapment; and
 5. transporting the ill and injured.
- F. First Aid for Public Safety personnel *shall only* use airway adjuncts and oxygen if they have successfully completed the airway module from an approved EMT-I curriculum. Documentation of completion of the airway training *must* be kept on file at the provider agency. With completion of the approved training, the individual may use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids, according to the EMT-I protocols:
1. oropharyngeal airway;
 2. nasopharyngeal airway;
 3. suction devices;
 4. basic oxygen delivery devices; and
 5. manual and mechanical ventilating devices designed for prehospital use.
- G. First Aid for Public Safety personnel who work for an agency providing First Aid Defibrillation may be accredited in defibrillation when additional training and requirements have been completed. Refer to Policy #112.1.
- H. The scope of practice of First Aid for Public Safety personnel shall not exceed those activities authorized in this section. When allowed by the State regulations, the EMS Medical Director may authorize the utilization of additional optional procedures after successful completion of additional training.