



INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT OF POLICE DOGS - PILOT PROJECT (*San Bernardino County Only*)

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidance for the emergency transportation of police dogs injured in the line of duty.

II. FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

Police dog means a dog being part of the law enforcement team, with specific training used by a peace officer in the discharge or attempted discharge of his or her duties that may include, but not be limited to, a search and rescue dog and a passive alert dog.

Police dogs injured in the line of duty may require immediate transport to a facility capable of caring for its injuries.

The EMS provider's administration must determine if they will create a policy to permit the ambulance transportation of an injured police dog.

III. PROCEDURE

An EMS provider is authorized to transport a police dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary facility capable of treating the police dog if all the following conditions apply:

- A request for transport of an injured police dog is made by the dog handler.
- The EMS transport provider is present at the scene of the injury at the time the request for transport is made.
- No person at the scene of incident is requiring medical attention or medical transportation at the time the request for transport is made.
- The EMS provider has a policy that permits the transportation of an injured police dog.
- The police dog handler accompanies the injured police dog and remains in full control of the dog during transport.
- The police dog handler provides the location to the nearest facility that is capable of providing veterinary medical services to the injured police dog.
- The police dog handler remains responsible for any first aid rendered to the injured police dog during transport.

IV. DATA COLLECTION

- EMS field personnel must immediately notify its EMS Coordinator upon return to service.
- A completed Police Dog Transport form must be submitted to the ICEMA Duty Officer via e-mail at icemadutyofficer@cao.sbcounty.gov, within 24 hours (form available on the ICEMA website at ICEMA.sbcounty.gov).
- ICEMA shall collect data on the number of police dogs transported, the name of the facility to which the police dog was transported to, and the outcome of those transports.

- ICEMA shall submit a report to the Legislature that includes the data described above by January 1, 2022.