



### AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

Critical incidents may result in a subject being transported to a hospital in an ambulance/paramedic unit. These transports can be a direct result of an officer-involved shooting, less-lethal deployment, use of force, and/or pursuit.

Members of this Department are responsible for any subject, in his/her care or custody, who requires transportation in an ambulance. ***It is the employee's responsibility to assess all the associated factors which led to that subject's transportation.*** Considerations should include injuries cause from:

1. An Arrest or Suspect Apprehension (i.e. Use of Force, Less Lethal Deployment)
2. Crime Committed (C.P.C. 148, C.P.C. 69)
3. Medical or Mental Health Assistance (i.e. W.I. 5150, Excited Delirium)

### USE OF FORCE POLICY 300

#### **Policy 300.4.4 - Post Shooting Procedures Involving Injuries**

If a suspect, victim, arrestee, or any subject is injured due to an officer involved shooting and is removed from the scene by ambulance/paramedic unit, a deputy shall accompany the subject inside the ambulance/paramedic unit.

#### **Policy 300.5 - Medical Considerations**

Prior to booking at the jail or release in the field, medical assistance shall be obtained for any person subjected to a Use of Force. If the subject is in custody or is the responsibility of the Department and requires transportation by ambulance/paramedic unit, a deputy shall accompany that subject inside the ambulance until properly relieved.

Personnel should be mindful of other situations where subjects should be accompanied inside an ambulance/paramedic unit, especially when critical injury results from possible homicides, shootings, traffic collisions, assaults with deadly weapons, attempted suicides, or any suspicious circumstances. When in doubt, ask your supervisor for clarification.

#### **IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Officer Safety
- Safety to the injured and medical personnel
- Preservation of evidence
- Integrity of the investigation
- Spontaneous statements
- Ensure the recording and legitimacy of dying declarations

