

Emergency Response to Suicide/Attempt Suicide/Serious Injury

2614.1 INITIAL RESPONSE/DISCOVERY TO SUICIDE/ATTEMPT SUICIDE/SERIOUS INJURY

- (a) Upon arrival to the scene, Deputies shall consider [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The primary responsibility is the preservation of life and lifesaving measures.
- (b) [REDACTED] responsibilities include the preservation, protection and integrity of the crime scene.
- (c) Deputies are required to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The certification must be current and available for review.
- (d) Staff may begin CPR on a nonresponsive person when safe and appropriate to do so, without obtaining approval from a supervisor or medical personnel. (California Penal Code § 6048(b)). The following guidelines shall apply:
 - 1. Staff shall immediately [REDACTED] upon identifying a nonresponsive person.
 - 2. Staff shall immediately [REDACTED] the inmate and begin appropriate lifesaving measures, such as CPR, unless there is a known documented medical order (e.g., DNR order) where CPR should not be used.
 - 3. CPR shall be performed in accordance with current training standards and methods.
 - 4. Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks, and CPR shields shall be used whenever available to reduce the risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens and bodily fluids.
 - 5. If an imminent physical threat prevents safe CPR administration, staff shall initiate or resume CPR as soon as the threat has passed or the person has been moved to a safe location, provided medical assistance has not yet arrived.
 - 6. CPR shall be continued, absent immediate danger, until:
 - i. The person shows signs of life (e.g., breathing, verbal or physical response),
 - ii. Qualified medical personnel or emergency responders take over, or
 - iii. The Deputy is relieved due to exhaustion or safety concerns.
 - 7. If medical personnel or emergency responders are already present when a person becomes nonresponsive, staff shall defer CPR responsibilities to those individuals.
 - i. For the purposes of this section, defer shall mean the delegation of primary responsibility and decision-making authority for CPR and related medical interventions to qualified medical personnel or emergency responders who

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are present and actively engaged in lifesaving efforts. This deferment does not relieve staff of the duty to assist. Personnel are still expected to provide supportive actions as needed or directed, including but not limited to securing the scene, providing physical assistance, or continuing CPR.

- [REDACTED]
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