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1.0 PURPOSE:

This policy establishes the uniform guidelines for the training, use and maintenance of defibrillators, also known as A.E.D., within the Melrose Police Department.

2.0 POLICY:

It is the policy of the Melrose Police Department to equip patrol vehicles with defibrillators and train officers in their use, in order to provide the public with prompt access to lifesaving equipment in emergencies.

3.0 DEFINITION:

DEFIBRILLATOR also known as A.E.D. (Automatic External Defibrillator): A portable electronic device capable of detecting and analyzing the presence of abnormalities in the patient's heart rhythm and indicating to the user the need to administer shock. They are

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used in conjunction with CPR to attempt to restore cardiac and respiratory function in the field.

4.0 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Defibrillators are the property of the Melrose Police Department. Only personnel trained in the use of the defibrillator may operate it.

Defibrillators will only be used in accordance with the guidelines established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health-Office of Emergency Medical Services and the American Heart Association.

Defibrillators will be maintained and inventoried by the Medical Service Officer who will keep a maintenance log for the defibrillators.

AED and Naloxone kits shall be inspected and officers will ensure the green light is showing on the AED, which indicates that they have a proper charge. AED's shall be returned at the end of each shift with Naloxone Kits to the storage shelf/locker located in the main hallway of the police station.

5.0 OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Officers will maintain their defibrillation certification and the training will be provided by the police department. Officers are responsible for the defibrillator in their assigned cruiser. Officers will inspect the unit at the beginning of his/her shift to make sure it is operating properly and has two sets of shock pads, a drying towel, a disposable razor and one pair of gloves.

Officers will report a missing or malfunctioning defibrillator on the cruiser checklist, advise their supervisor at the time and notify the MSO in writing or by e-mail.

Officers should remove a defective unit from the cruiser and turn it in to his/her supervisor so that it may be replaced.

Officers are required to carry the defibrillator to any medical assist/overdose call.

Officers are responsible to retrieve the defibrillator from the medical facility if it remains with the patient during transport. They should also attempt to replace used shock pads, drying towel, razor and gloves from the medical facility's stock or police department stock.