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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish broad guidelines and regulations governing the utilization of the Law Enforcement Survival Kit (LESK) by trained personnel within a law enforcement agency. The objective is to provide the training and equipment to effectively mitigate a life-threatening injury to a member of the department, and guide those members in the proper deployment and use of the LESK.

I. POLICY:

Upon completion of the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care for Law Enforcement course (or its updated equivalent), members will be issued a Law Enforcement Survival Kit. The kit is equipped with several adjuncts used for mitigating certain potentially life-threatening traumatic injuries, such as a gunshot or stab wound, which police officers are at an increased risk of sustaining in the course of duty. Once the training is completed, officers should be prepared to treat a life-threatening injury to themselves or another officer in a tactically challenging and dynamic situation.

II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Tourniquet:** A device used to control and stop major arterial bleeding from an extremity by constricting the artery above the injury, restricting circulation and thus stopping the bleeding.
- B. **Hemostatic Agent:** A chemical designed to introduce clotting factors at the site of an injury with serious bleeding. Hemostatic agents are impregnated onto gauze or another carrier, which is used to introduce the agent directly into the source of the bleeding.

- C. **Pressure Dressing:** A device used to hold gauze or other trauma dressing over a wound while applying pressure to the wound to control bleeding.
- D. **Law Enforcement Survival Kit (LESK):** At minimum should include the following:
 - 1. Tourniquet
 - 2. Hemostatic Agent
 - 3. Pressure Dressing
 - 4. CPR Face Shield
 - 5. 1 Pair non-latex gloves

III. PROCEDURES:

A. **Deployment:**

- 1. This agency will identify an individual to be the coordinator for the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care for Law Enforcement program. Responsibilities will include:
 - a. Performing necessary training and maintaining training records for personnel;
 - b. Assuring the supply, integrity and expiration dates of the Law Enforcement Survival Kits and;
 - c. Assuring the maintenance of the administration records.
- 2. This agency will ensure the officers carrying or having access to the Law Enforcement Survival Kits are trained in the use of each component of the kit.
- 3. Refresher training should occur with medical refresher and consist of familiarity with the purpose and use of each component of the kit and maintaining competency in the effective deployment of each component.

B. **Law Enforcement Survival Kit Use:**

- 1. Officers should immediately take necessary steps to mitigate any threats in the area, and request necessary assistance, including dispatch of Emergency Medical Services.
- 2. Officers should use universal precautions and protections from blood borne pathogens and communicable diseases when using the LESK on another officer.
- 3. Officers will evaluate the injured officer, and provide such interventions as indicated by the training program and follow the established training guidelines. When providing care to another

officer who has been injured, all officers should make every effort to use the injured officer's LESK to treat the injuries.

4. Once the assessment and treatment of the injured officer is complete; officers will then secure the area for EMS, or evacuate the injured officer to a secure area for treatment and transport as established in the training guidelines. Officers should update dispatch as needed with information concerning the number of injuries, condition of the injured officer, any additional resources needed, and any other pertinent information.
5. Officers should remain aware of the situation and be prepared to engage any additional threats while providing aid to themselves or another officer.
6. Officers should refrain from using their issued LESK on anyone other than themselves. Officers should use the department issued medical kits in the patrol vehicles to treat injuries to civilians and law enforcement personnel who are not equipped with Law Enforcement Survival Kits.
7. Officers will notify a supervisor immediately as soon as tactically reasonable and advise them that a Law Enforcement Survival Kit was deployed. Officers will then document which components were used, and in which manner they were applied.
8. A supervisor or the program coordinator will complete the LESK Report of Use form and submit it to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services within 5 (five) days of the date of use.

C. Maintenance/Replacement of Naloxone:

1. Law Enforcement Survival Kits should be carried either on the officer's duty belt in a conspicuous area, or in the officer's support (non-weapon) side BDU pants pocket to facilitate quick deployment by another officer.
2. Each officer will be responsible to report any expired, lost, damaged, or used LESKs or components to a supervisor, who will document such and submit to the program coordinator for replacement.
3. Used, lost, damaged, or expired LESKs will be replaced according to the discretion of the program coordinator and in compliance with program policies as established by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

D. Documentation:

1. Following the deployment of a LESK, the officer should document all pertinent information in his or her report, including but not limited to:

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1. Nature of injury
2. Condition of officer on arrival (if kit was deployed by an officer other than the one the kit was issued to)
3. Treatment and interventions performed
4. Manner of evacuation & transport.

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