



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Policies and Procedures

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POLICY

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In an effort to better serve the residents and visitors of Kern County, the Kern County Sheriff's Office has developed an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program. With the assistance of the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division, the Sheriff's Office has developed four (4) Kern County Sheriff's Office Basic Life Support (BLS) Programs.

All Sheriff's Office EMS Programs will be required to receive and maintain State of California and Kern County Emergency Services Division certification and accreditation for their specific programs. All members of the Sheriff's Office EMS Programs will have the appropriate State and County certifications and accreditation required to provide EMS services. It is the responsibility of the individual member to maintain his/her certification and accreditation.

BLS Programs:

Air Support

The Kern County Sheriff's Office Air Support BLS Program will be utilized as part of the Sheriff's Office Air Rescue Program. The Air Support BLS Program will adhere to all State and County regulations to maintain BLS certification and accreditation by the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division.

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team

The Kern County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team has developed a BLS Program to provide basic life support to victims, suspects, and deputies during tactical operation. The SWAT Team's BLS Program will adhere to all State and County regulations to maintain BLS certification and accreditation by the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division.

Volunteer Services Section

The Kern County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Services Section has developed a BLS Program to provide basic life support to the citizens and visitors of Kern County as well as members of the Kern County Sheriff's Office. Volunteer Services Section will deploy their BLS team members to primarily assist with Kern County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Operations. The Volunteer Services Section BLS Program will adhere to all State and County regulations to maintain BLS certification and accreditation by the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division.

First Aid/CPR Instructors Team

The Kern County Sheriff's Office First Aid/CPR Instructors Team has developed a BLS Program to provide basic life support to the citizens and visitors of Kern County. First Aid/CPR Instructors Team will deploy their BLS team members when asked to assist with the high stress and physical training that is conducted by the Kern County Sheriff's Office Training Section. The First Aid/CPR Instructors Team BLS Program will adhere to all State and County regulations to maintain BLS certification and accreditation by the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division.

PROCEDURES

Each Kern County Sheriff's Office EMS Program will develop its own internal directives to ensure all required equipment is current and maintained at an appropriate level as directed by Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division. Each EMS Program will develop its own internal directive to ensure that all mandated reports are processed through the Air Support BLS Program and delivered to the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Division as they direct. In each incident where more than basic first aid is provided, a Sheriff's Office Crime and Incident report will be completed.

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