

CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Anderson, South Carolina

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SUBJECT Detention Center: Referring Detainees for Medical Needs		
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A. Policy

Proper care for detainees is a primary concern for the City of Anderson Police Department and as such is the initial responsibility of the on-duty detention officer(s). The following procedures will outline steps to be taken to ensure that the necessary response to a detainee's medical need(s) is carried out. The intent of this general order is to ensure that all detention staff recognize, take immediate action on, and report all detainee medical emergencies.

B. Procedures

1. Whenever a person being held within the City of Anderson Police Department Jail is requesting medical attention, the on-duty detention officer shall immediately contact the shift supervisor who will make a decision on contacting the Emergency Medical Services.
 - a. However, if the booking officer or other personnel feels that emergency medical attention is immediately necessary for the detainee, any personnel may immediately contact EMS to respond and inform the shift supervisor as soon thereafter as is practical.
2. The notification of the supervisor shall be as quickly as possible but notification of the supervisor will not take precedence over stabilizing or rendering assistance to the detainee in medical need.

3. Detention officers may make an observation that warrants immediate medical attention and this may be without any type of request by the detainee. In this case the detention officer will immediately notify the EMS along with the on-duty supervisor.
 - a. In the event a person having been arrested by City of Anderson Police Department officer(s) needs further medical attention, EMS will be requested to transport the subject to the Anderson Area Medical Center (AAMC).
 - (1) Depending on the charge and the behavior of the detainee, a City of Anderson Officer may either ride with the EMS unit to the hospital, or follow in a police vehicle.
 - (2) The officer is to remain with the detainee at all times while at the medical facility.
 - (3) Should a detainee require admittance in the hospital, arrangements must be made for at least one City of Anderson Officer to remain with the detainee.
4. The Jail Administrator will be contacted whenever medical services is necessary for a person(s) being held within the detention facility.
 - a. The Jail Administrator will be responsible for locating, lining up, and scheduling personnel to stay with detainees who are receiving medical attention in a facility outside the Detention Center.
5. Persons detained for other agencies
 - a. Emergency medical services will be contacted for persons being detained for outside agencies using the same procedures as for detainees being held by the City of Anderson Police Department.
 - (1) In addition, that agency will be notified, and it will be their responsibility to guard the prisoner in the event further medical attention is needed.
6. Medical Services Form
 - a. The on-duty detention officer will be responsible for completing the Detention Medical Services Form any time EMS is notified to check a prisoner who is being held within the facility.
 - (1) This form must be completed for outside agency detainees as well as City of Anderson PD detainees.

- (2) The medical services form will be completed by the on-duty detention officer and signed by their supervisor prior to the completion of the shift.
 - (3) In addition to completing the medical services form, the detention officer will document a detailed account of the incident within their journal entry for that shift.
 - (4) The medical services form will be passed on to the Jail Administrator as soon as completed.
 - (5) The Jail Administrator will then follow up on the incident verifying that all department procedures have been followed.
7. It will be the responsibility of the Jail Administrator to brief the Chief of Police concerning the incident/notification of medical services for a detainee.

By order of:



Martin D. Brown, Chief of Police

9-7-2006
Date

This General order is approved by the following licensed physician listed below (SCLEA 20.1.24):

Name of Licensed Physician: _____

Signature of Licensed Physician: _____

Date G/O Signed by Licensed Physician: _____