

**645.00 Requesting Medical Aid**  
**Stakeholder Review: 01/27/2025-02/26/2025**

**Refer:**

- **ORS 133.518 Duty of peace officer to request emergency medical services**
- MCSO Agency Policy 605.00 Use of Force
- **NWAA Accreditation Standard 2.1.12**

**Definitions:**

- None

**Policy:**

1. Preserving life is a fundamental duty for law enforcement. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and its members are committed to fulfilling that duty. This policy establishes procedures and expectations for members requesting medical aid, in accordance with applicable state laws.

**Procedure:**

1. **Restrained Persons Having Difficulty Breathing:**
  - 1.1. When sworn members encounter a restrained person suffering a respiratory or cardiac compromise, they shall request Emergency Medical Services (EMS) immediately if:
    - 1.1.1. It is tactically feasible to request EMS, and
    - 1.1.2. The member has access to communications.
2. **Medical Attention for Injuries Sustained While Using Force:**
  - 2.1. Medical assistance shall be offered for any person(s) who has sustained visible injury or expressed a complaint of pain or injury.
  - 2.2. Medical assistance shall be summoned to assist anyone who has experienced an episode of loss of consciousness.
3. **Medical Assistance to Persons Exhibiting Signs of Physical Distress:**
  - 3.1. **Sworn members should promptly and carefully evaluate all available information to determine whether an individual is in need of medical assistance.**
  - 3.2. **When sworn members encounter any individual that is in need of medical assistance they will, when it is reasonably safe to do so, take appropriate steps to provide initial medical aid according to their training and current certification levels.**

**History:**

- Originating Policy: 07/07/22 (Legislative Update)
- Next Review: 07/07/24 (Comprehensive Stakeholder Review)

- Review By: Executive Office

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