

Brief reason for the revision:

This policy requests effects and bundles together:

- 200.6.2 DUTY TO GIVE AID AND MEDICAL CARE
- 206.2.4 MEDICAL CARE (All 4 control devices into one policy)
- 206.4.3 ~~TREATMENT FOR CHEMICAL AGENT EXPOSURE~~ MEDICAL CARE (oc spray) (1)
- 206.5.6 ~~TREATMENT FOR CHEMICAL AGENT EXPOSURE~~ MEDICAL CARE (pepperball) (2)
- 206.6 HIGH KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES (3)
- 208.5 ~~MEDICAL TREATMENT~~ CARE (Taser) (4)
- 211.4 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL FORCE LEVEL INCIDENTS
- 321.4 PRISONERS REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION

Risk Management received a policy revision request for 206.6 Less-Lethal / High Kinetic. In that revision, a medical care section was added. This portion was a copy/paste from 208.5 Medical Treatment from a Taser.

Yet 206.4.3 Medical Care (oc spray) and 206.5.6 Medical Care (pepperballs) are not as inclusive as 208.5 Medical Care for Taser. Lastly, there is no medical care for the remaining control device for batons.

These revisions combine all individual medical care from each of the four control devices into the one 200.5.2 Duty to Give Aid and Medical Care.

Furthermore, it also combines medical care from any Response to Resistance and medical care before law enforcement contact.

Allowing one location for medical care, regardless of how and why it is needed, along with consistent language, provides everyone a clear understanding of what is mandated.

208 TASER Device Guidelines

208.5 ~~MEDICAL TREATMENT~~ CARE

Officers will remove TASER Device darts as trained once the subject is in custody. Used TASER Device darts shall be considered a sharp biohazard, similar to a used hypodermic needle. Universal precautions should be taken accordingly.

All subjects affected by a control device shall be medically assessed as soon as practicable. Refer to General Order 200.6.2 (DUTY TO GIVE AID AND MEDICAL CARE).

~~All subjects who have been struck by TASER Device darts or who have been subjected to the electric discharge of the device shall be medically assessed prior to booking. Additionally, an individual who falls under any of the following categories should, as soon as practicable, be examined by paramedics or other qualified medical personnel:~~

- ~~(a) The subject is suspected of being under the influence of controlled substances and/ or alcohol.~~
- ~~(b) The subject may be pregnant.~~
- ~~(c) The subject reasonably appears to be in need of medical attention.~~
- ~~(d) The TASER Device darts are lodged in a sensitive area (e.g., groin, female breast, near the eyes).~~
- ~~(e) The subject requests medical attention.~~

~~Subjects who exhibit an extreme agitated chaotic state, violent irrational behavior accompanied by profuse sweating, extraordinary strength beyond their physical characteristics, and impervious to pain or who require a protracted physical encounter with multiple officers to be brought under control, may be at an increased risk of sudden death and shall be examined by qualified medical personnel. Officers shall call EMS to diagnose and treat any individual exhibiting these signs as soon as the signs are recognized. Any such individual shall be medically cleared prior to booking.~~

~~If any individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal should be witnessed by another officer and/or medical personnel and shall be fully documented in related reports. If an audio recording is made of the contact or the interview with the individual, any refusal should be included, if possible.~~

~~The transporting officer shall inform any person receiving custody or any person placed in a position of providing care that the individual has been subjected to the application of the TASER Device. All subjects shall be evaluated by the jail nurse prior to booking.~~