


HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL		
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Chief of Police: <i>John F. Viola</i>		

SUBJECT: USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Directive to establish guidelines for the training, use and record keeping of AED’s in order to assist the paramedics and ambulance services in providing lifesaving treatment in the event of sudden cardiac death emergencies in Haverford Township.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Haverford Township Police Department to train its officers in the use of the AED; to offer aid consistent with the AED training; and to offer to medical personnel assistance consistent with AED training.

III. DEFINITIONS

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) – An automatic electronic device, which by means of electrical shock, defibrillates heart muscle. As used in the Directive means the “First Save AED” or other AED designated as acceptable by the Department, the Haverford Township Paramedics and the Intercommunity Health Coordinator.

Intercommunity Health Coordinator - Delaware County source of acceptable protocols for use of AED.

AED Training – Training conducted by a trained instructor in the use of the AED. Training is to be done as part of CPR training.

AED Unit File – Training officer shall maintain a file for each unit approved for use by the Department. The file shall contain a

Specifications/Technical information sheet, a current Product Liability Certificate of Insurance in the amount of at least two (2) million dollars for each approved manufacturer, and the serial number of any AED used by sworn or un-sworn employees. The training officer shall maintain a file of the downloaded information from each use of an AED deployed by the Department, and a complete listing of all personnel certified in the use of the AED.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. TRAINING

1. No officer of the Department shall operate any AED without first being trained and certified in its use by an instructor designated by the Department; additionally, the officer must have current MPOETC requirements for CPR and First Aid.
2. Officers must be recertified in AED Bi-annually. This recertification should occur in conjunction within CPR recertification.
3. Training and certification shall be conducted by a designated instructor who has successfully completed the AED Instructor Course.

B. EQUIPMENT

1. The shift supervisor shall assign AED units according to departmental needs and equipment availability.
2. Officers assigned these units shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the AED.
3. Each AED unit shall be equipped with a department approved barrier device for CPR.
4. Any officer experiencing a problem with an AED unit shall immediately place the unit out of service and notify their supervisor.
5. The supervisor shall, as soon as reasonable, notify the supervisor of the Special Operations Unit of the out of service unit. The Special Operations Supervisor shall arrange for repair of the out of service unit.
6. The Department shall designate an AED certified instructor/ Township Paramedics to be responsible for general maintenance and re-supply of all AED units of the Department; and to act as liaison with the Intercommunity Health Coordinator, the Haverford Township Paramedics and EMS units within Haverford Township.

C. RESPONSE

1. When practical, officers shall respond to calls dispatched as a possible cardiac arrest situation.
2. On arrival at the scene the officer shall immediately assess the patient and follow AED protocol. This assessment and protocol shall continue even if EMS personnel arrive before protocol is complete.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE