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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this article is to establish policies and procedures for the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) provided by the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. Each year, approximately 250,000 Americans die of coronary disease, with many of these deaths occurring suddenly from cardiac arrest. The prompt administering of CPR increases a victim's chance of surviving such an attack by keeping oxygen flowing to the brain; however, in many cases, CPR by itself is insufficient and an electrical shock to the heart is needed to correct the heart's rhythm. Automated External Defibrillators allow first responders to provide that initial shock at times when seconds count.
- B. As first responders, police officers from the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department are essential in being the first level of medical response rendering care to a victim suffering from anything from traumatic injuries to medical illnesses.

III. POLICY

- A. The AED shall be applied to all adults, children, and infants who are determined by responding officers to have stopped breathing and appear to show no obvious signs of life.
- B. Upon application, the AED will be utilized in accordance with best practice recommendations as set forth by the manufacturer of the device and current departmental training guidelines in **Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. All members of the department shall be properly trained and certified in CPR and the use of an AED, as recommended under current national health and safety guidelines provided by but not limited to the (American Heart Association (AHA), American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), or any other

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nationally recognized organization approved in the instruction of CPR and AED utilization.

- B. The department shall have an AED in each primary line vehicle. Officers shall be trained in the location of each unit to ensure rapid access to the device whenever it is needed. The Marine Unit shall have one AED assigned to it. All members of the Marine unit shall be required to maintain the same CPR and AED certification as members of patrol. During the months where the Marine Unit is not in service, the AED assigned to that unit, will be placed at VMPD HQ's and placed into service at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
- C. At the beginning of each tour, the AED will be checked along with other vehicle equipment. The unit will be checked to confirm its location and presence within the vehicle. Officers will inspect the device to ensure it is in operable condition as specified by the manufacturer of the device, and will verify that there are at minimum one set of adult pads and one set of pediatric pads, both of which must be within their posted expiration date, and will ensure that the unit be kept in a climate controlled part of the vehicle when extreme weather (heat/cold) is present.
- D. If an AED is utilized (attaching to the victim and powering the unit "on" shall constitute use), the unit shall immediately be taken out of service until such time that the information contained within the unit can be downloaded by an official department designee who will be assigned by the Chief of Police.
- E. The officer of record shall document the incident as necessary in the departments record management system ensuring that the following information is contained within the report.
 - 1. The patients name, address, and date of birth.
 - 2. The condition that the patient was found to be in.
 - 3. The name of the ambulance that responded and the hospital (if any) where the patient was transported.

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4. If appropriate, the date and time of death, and the name of the medical personnel who made the pronouncement.

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