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## **FIELD BLOOD COLLECTION POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines for blood collections for non-medical purposes at the request of law enforcement personnel.

**Per California Vehicle Code, Division 11, Chapter 12, Article 2, § 23158 (k): Paramedics employed by fire departments are not allowed to draw blood for a Peace Officer.**

### **AUTHORITY**

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, §§ 1797.200, 1797.221  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22; Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, § 100145  
California Vehicle Code, Division 11, Chapter 12, Article 2, § 23158 (d)

### **POLICY**

Paramedics are empowered by law to obtain blood samples by request of appropriate law enforcement agency. If the patient is in the care of the Paramedic the blood collection must not interfere with medical care.

### **PROCEDURE**

- I. A law enforcement representative must request the blood sample be collected and must be present to witness.
- II. There must be the appropriate collection equipment immediately available.
- III. The Paramedic will obtain the collection sample only if the following conditions are met:
  - A. The Paramedic Provider Agency has an agreement with the local law enforcement agency to provide blood collection services;
  - B. The Paramedic is capable of obtaining the collection sample;
  - C. If the individual that the blood sample is being drawn from is a patient, treatment may not be delayed, compromised, or interfered with as a result of the blood collection;
  - D. The Paramedic ensures appropriate chain of custody of the blood sample, immediately after it is collected, by releasing it into the custody of the requesting representative in § I.A of this policy.
  - E. That system status allows for unit to be used for blood draw. The On-duty Supervisor will have the final say.
- IV. **It will be the Provider Agency's right to determine if their personnel shall participate in this policy.**