



POLICY & PROCEDURE

STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: **USE OF FORCE/RENDERING
MEDICAL AID**

SCOPE: All Sworn Personnel
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Policy & Procedure is to provide guidance to officers when persons become injured due to the use of force by an officer.

This Policy & Procedure consists of the following numbered sections:

I. POLICY

II. PROCEDURE

I. POLICY

A. It is the policy of the Stoughton Police Department that any person injured through the use of force by one of its officers, shall receive medical aid for such injuries.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Treatment of Persons Injured Through the Use of Force

1. Persons subject to the use of force shall be observed to detect obvious changes in their physical or mental condition and administer first aid if required.

2. Summon appropriate medical aid, if necessary.
3. If necessary, or requested by the injured subject, the injured person/s is/are to be transported by ambulance to the most quickly acceptable medical facility for proper treatment.
4. During the time awaiting treatment and during the treatment activities, the officer should maintain security.
5. The injured person is to remain handcuffed during treatment unless the handcuffs interfere with such treatment. Should medical treatment require removal of handcuffs, the officer should request that restraints be used by hospital personnel.

If medical treatment requires the removal of handcuffs and hospital restraints are not authorized or utilized, the officer/s should maintain close physical proximity to the subject and determine the appropriate level of control and/or restraint use with hospital personnel and security staff based on officer/subject factors, degree of subject's injuries, the possibility of behavior changes of intoxicated and/or drug impaired subjects, and the subject's level of cooperation with officers and hospital personnel.

6. An officer is to remain with the injured person at all times during the hospital stay unless the injury is so serious that escape is not physically possible.
7. If it is determined that the injured person needs to be admitted to the hospital for additional treatment or a hospital stay, the officer will contact his/her immediate supervisor and coordinate efforts with hospital personnel in order to determine what level of monitoring will be required.
8. If the injured person is to be released from the Emergency Department following medical evaluation and treatment the officer will notify the appropriate detention facility of the nature of the subject's injuries as well as providing them with any medical discharge instructions or paperwork, if applicable.

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This Policy & Procedure cancels and supersedes any and all previous written directives relative to the subject matter contained herein.

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