

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 2

February 17, 2005

**SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT CARE POLICY FOR PATIENTS
IN POLICE CUSTODY**

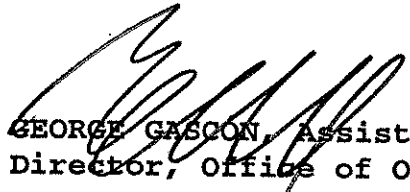
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The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) recently enacted a policy that requires LAFD personnel to request the response of an Emergency Medical Supervisor (EMS) to the scene when our Department requests a rescue ambulance (RA) to treat, transport or evaluate an individual in police custody.

While our Department is currently evaluating the impact of this procedure on operations, the delay in response of the EMS has often proved problematic.

The LAFD has agreed to immediately dispatch an EMS to the scene as soon as they are notified the request involves an individual in police custody. Therefore, personnel requesting an RA should notify Communications Division if the individual is in police custody, and request the response of an EMS.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Lieutenant Phillip Trotter, Officer in Charge, Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 485-9866.



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