

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO.27

December 16, 2021

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION OF BOOKED INMATES – RENAMED AND REVISED

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Order is to revise and rename Department Manual Section 4/648.12, *Emergency Medical Attention of Booked Inmates*, as *Emergency Medical Attention of Arrestees or Booked Inmates Inside a Jail Facility*. The revised manual section provides specific procedures for pregnant arrestees or booked inmates.

PROCEDURE: Department Manual Section 4/648.12, *Emergency Medical Attention of Booked Inmates*, has been renamed and revised. The revised manual section is attached with the revisions indicated in italics.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Section 4/648.12 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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Attachment

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648.12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION OF ARRESTEES OR BOOKED INMATES INSIDE A JAIL FACILITY. When it is first apparent that *an arrestee or booked inmate inside a jail facility* is in need of emergency medical attention, the employee observing such an *arrestee or inmate*, or made aware of such a situation shall immediately notify a supervisor. The supervisor shall:

- Cause an examination to be made by a jail dispensary employee; and,

Note: In facilities without a jail dispensary, the supervisor shall immediately notify Communications Division *and* request that a *rescue ambulance (R/A)* and a patrol unit respond to the jail Code 3.

- Immediately notify Communications Division requesting that an R/A and a patrol unit respond to the jail Code 3 if it is determined that further emergency medical attention is required.

If any Area watch commander or the Custody Services Division *watch commander* identifies an available patrol unit at a jail facility where an *arrestee or inmate* needs emergency medical attention, he/ or she may assign that unit to accompany the transporting R/A. Once a unit has been designated to accompany the R/A, the watch commander may cancel the Code 3 call.

An *arrestee or inmate* shall be considered to be in need of emergency medical attention when:

- The *arrestee or inmate* is intoxicated *at the time of arrest* and *remains incapacitated* after two hours; or,
- The *arrestee or inmate* is unconscious; or,
- Any delay in medical treatment might result in further complications.

For additional responsibilities, including those for non-emergencies, refer to *Department Manual* Section 4/648.20.

Communications Division's Responsibility. When notified of an *arrestee or booked inmate* requiring emergency medical attention, Communications Division shall contact the Los Angeles Fire Department to request an R/A, and dispatch a patrol unit to the jail Code 3 utilizing the standard call selection sequence.

Pregnant Inmates. Any female *arrestee or inmate* that claims to be pregnant shall be taken to a jail dispensary for a pregnancy test. If the result is positive, or the *arrestee or inmate* claims to be pregnant but refuses to be tested, the *arrestee or inmate* shall not, under any circumstance, be handcuffed with their hands behind their back. A pregnant *arrestee or inmate* shall be advised of the standards and policies that govern pregnant inmates, including the provisions of California Penal Code Sections 3400 through 3409 (also refer to Board of State and Community Corrections, Title 15, Section 1058.5).

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If it becomes necessary for the safety and/or security of the arrestee or inmate, staff, or others to restrain a pregnant arrestee or inmate, the watch commander or supervisor shall be informed and the reason for the restraint shall be documented in all relevant Department reports.

A pregnant arrestee or inmate in labor, during delivery, or in recovery after delivery, shall not be restrained by the wrists, ankles, or both, unless deemed necessary for the safety and/or security of the arrestee or inmate, staff, or others. Restraints shall be removed when a professional who is responsible for the medical care of the pregnant arrestee or inmate during a medical emergency, labor, delivery, or recovery after delivery, determines that the removal of the restraints is medically necessary. Restraints placed pursuant to this paragraph shall be placed only for the period during which the safety or security threat exists, and shall be removed when they are no longer deemed necessary for safety and/or security purposes.