



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

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Susan N. Youngflesh, Board Chairperson  
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board  
555 West Beech Street, Suite 505  
San Diego, CA 92101-3819

**CLERB CASE NUMBER: 18-150**

Dear Chairperson Youngflesh,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization. We continuously strive to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

On January 25, 2021, CLERB recommended implementing a policy to indicate a deputy's responsibility relating to a medical emergency. CLERB specifically recommended the below changes:

1. It is recommended that SDSD develop a policy and/or a guideline in the Patrol Procedures Manual, that dictates a deputy's responsibility in a medical emergency.

Deputies are trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and basic First Aid in the academy. In accordance with California Peace Officer Standards and Training and California Penal Code 13518, deputies recertify in CPR/First Aid training every two years. Additionally, deputies are taught the importance of evaluating and prioritizing the medical needs at each incident, ensuring human safety as a priority.

After thorough review of this recommendation, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Policy and Procedures covers a deputy's responsibility regarding first aid, in the following sections:

- P&P 6.33 Major Crimes,
- P&P 6.128 Use of Naloxone,
- P&P 8.2 Discharge of a Firearms,
- Addendum F-Use of Force Guidelines.

The need for deputies to administer first aid is also addressed in the Field Operations Manual and Detentions Policy and Procedure. Based upon this, we do not believe any policy changes are warranted at this time.

It is our goal to provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone in San Diego County. I would like to thank you for your service to the citizens of the County of San Diego.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. GORE, SHERIFF



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