

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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**Introduction:** This policy is being updated to clarify that the prohibition on suggestions or requests regarding medical courses of action includes suggesting or directing sedation, to incorporate the Chief’s Memo regarding swallowed narcotics (CM24-016) and to incorporate the supervisor notification and review of in-custody injury or illness incidents.

The related language is being removed from P&P 5-302.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 7-350 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

**7-350 Emergency Medical Response**  
(06/18/18)(xx/xx/24)

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to lay out the roles and responsibilities of MPD members ~~employees~~ in MPD incidents involving a medical emergency.

**II. Policy**

**A. Acute Medical Crisis**

~~A.~~ MPD members ~~employees~~ shall request emergency medical services (EMS) as soon as practical if any member ~~employee~~ has come into contact with a person ~~an individual~~ having an acute medical crisis and any delay in treatment could potentially aggravate the severity of the medical crisis, or as otherwise required by policy.

1. While awaiting EMS, MPD members ~~employees~~ assisting a person ~~an individual~~ having an acute medical crisis shall provide any necessary first aid consistent with MPD training, as soon as practical.
2. Naloxone (Narcan) shall be administered only in accordance P&P 7-348.

## **B. Non-Acute Medical Crisis**

~~B.~~ MPD ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ assisting ~~people~~ ~~individuals~~ who are not in an acute medical crisis but may need medical attention shall offer EMS response, and shall document the offer and answer in a Police Report ~~report~~, or if no report will be made via added remarks in CAD.

## **C. Medical Courses of Action by Medical Personnel**

~~C.~~ MPD ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ shall not make any suggestions or requests regarding medical courses of action to be taken by any medical personnel. Determinations made by medical personnel regarding medical courses of action must be clearly made by medical personnel.

1. MPD ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ shall provide medical personnel with any necessary information related to the subject's observed or known conditions and behaviors, so the medical personnel can conduct a quick and accurate assessment and determine the best medical course of action.
2. MPD ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ shall provide medical personnel the names of any MPD ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ who provided first aid or assisted with a person's care, so that notifications can be made to involved ~~members~~ ~~officers~~ of possible exposure to any pathogens discovered through further medical examination.
3. Members are prohibited from suggesting or directing sedation to anyone, for any person, including any person who is acting agitated, disorganized, or behaving erratically.

## **D. Canceling EMS**

~~D.~~ MPD ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ responding to incidents where EMS has already been requested shall not cancel EMS unless the ~~members~~ ~~employees~~ determine that the call was unfounded or the subject is no longer at the scene.

## **E. Swallowed Narcotics**

1. If an MPD member has a reason to suspect that a person in their custody swallowed narcotics or may have narcotics in their mouth, the member shall request an EMS response as soon as practical.
2. If an MPD member receives information that a person in their custody previously swallowed narcotics (including information from the person), MPD members shall either bring the person to a hospital for evaluation or request EMS response.
3. If a person in MPD custody shows signs or symptoms of having swallowed narcotics, members shall provide any necessary treatment and EMS response in accordance with the rest of this policy and P&P 7-349.

## **F. Supervisor Notification and Review**

1. Injuries or illness caused by force shall be reported and reviewed in accordance with P&P 5-302 and P&P 5-303, including injuries caused by handcuffs.

2. When a person who is in MPD custody suffers an illness or injury that was **not** caused by use of force, the MPD member shall notify their supervisor.
3. When notified of an in-custody injury or illness that was **not** caused by force, the supervisor shall do all of the following:
  - Respond to the scene or to the hospital.
  - Review the incident to determine or confirm how the illness or injury occurred.
  - Complete the Injury or Illness Supervisor Review template.
4. In-custody illnesses and injuries include, but are not limited to, vomiting, loss of consciousness, injuries the person causes to themselves, etc.
5. If the person says they swallowed narcotics (or a similar substance) and is brought to a medical facility for evaluation, the supervisor notification and review is not required unless the person exhibits signs of injury or illness or receives medical treatment beyond evaluation.

### **G. Arrests and Detention**

~~F.~~ Arrest or detention of ~~people~~ individuals receiving treatment under this policy shall also be in accordance P&P 9-108 (Arrest or Detention of Injured Adults).

### **H. Documentation**

~~E.~~ MPD ~~members~~ employees shall document in a report any assistance provided to medical personnel regarding the medical crisis, including actions taken by the ~~members~~ employees, the effects of those actions on the ~~person receiving treatment~~ subject, and the outcome of the situation. Any physical control applied by MPD ~~members~~ personnel should be reported in accordance with the P&P ~~5-302~~ 5-306 Use of Force- Reporting and Post Incident Requirements.

## **5-302 Use of Force Reporting**

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Section [II-G]:

### **G. In-custody Injury or Illness Reporting (Not from Force)**

~~If an individual in custody suffers an injury or an illness, or aggravates a pre-existing injury, not due to force used, the sworn employee shall document it through a Narrative Text, and shall notify a supervisor so the supervisor can respond and complete the Supervisor Force Review.~~