



ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PROCEDURES
TRANSPORT OF POLICE DOGS (K9) INJURED IN LINE OF DUTY

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INDICATIONS:

- Transport of police dog handlers and a police dog injured in the line of duty.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Need to transport humans at same scene in same ambulance unit.

EQUIPMENT:

- None (may supply K-9 police officer with access to oxygen and oxygen delivery equipment, gauze bandage, and hemostatic dressings).

PROCEDURE:

- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for potential blood exposure.
- Allow police dog handler (K9 Officer) to place dog onto gurney.
- Allow police dog handler to stabilize dog to gurney (may use straps available).
- Assist police dog handler with set up of oxygen and provide sterile dressings, including hemostatic dressings if available. For oxygen delivery, may provide officer with a human non-rebreather mask, nasal cannula, of canine mask (if available).
- EMTs are not to ride in patient cabin during transport; K9 officer(s) will attend to dog.
- Transport to veterinary location as directed by police dog handler; may transport with lights and siren if directed to do so by K9 officer.
- After off-loading dog, clean patient cabin area using usual cleaning procedures.

DOCUMENTATION:

- Notify ambulance dispatch office of transport, including date, time, and police department. An OCEMS PCR should not be generated.

NOTES:

- An injured police dog may manifest unpredictable behaviors due to stress. Follow directions of K9 officer and avoid direct contact with dog. Do not get between K9 officer and dog.

Approved:

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