



# GENERAL ORDER

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**SUBJECT: RENDERING MEDICAL AID**  
**SCOPE:** All Agency Members  
**DISTRIBUTION:** General Orders Manual

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### REFERENCES:

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**INDEX AS:** Rendering Medical Aid  
Use of Force

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this General Order is to provide direction to deputies for rendering medical aid and providing medical care for persons in their control and custody, to include when subject(s) become injured as a result any use of force by a deputy.

This General Order consists of the following numbered sections:

I. POLICY

II. PROCEDURES FOLLOWING USE OF FORCE

I. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office that any subject with observed, reported, or suspected injuries resulting from a deputy's use of force shall receive medical aid for such injuries as soon as practical.
- B. It is the policy of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office that a deputy will, while acting in good faith, provide treatment to the level of their training to any person who is injured or in medical distress, and summon professional medical personnel as necessary.

II. PROCEDURES FOLLOWING USE OF FORCE

- A. Subjects who are injured due to use of force by deputies shall be closely monitored to detect obvious changes in their physical or mental condition.
- B. Deputies have an affirmative duty to provide follow-through considerations after every application of force, to include:
  - 1. Determine level of consciousness, using verbal or physical stimulus.
  - 2. Check airway, breathing, and circulation.
  - 3. Perform a body check for injuries—severe bleeding, broken bones, etc.
  - 4. Provide any necessary treatment to a deputy's level of training, and if needed (or the subject requests it), activate the emergency medical system.
  - 5. Continue to monitor and remain with the subject until he or she is turned over to someone of equal or greater responsibility. Find out if there is a need for long-term monitoring of the subject because of special medical or mental health needs.
- C. Certain applications of force when used shall require a deputy to seek professional medical attention for the subject, to include:
  - 1. Adverse reaction to chemical agents/chemical munitions
  - 2. Any ECD
  - 3. Incapacitation techniques
  - 4. Intermediate weapon (baton)
  - 5. Specialty impact munitions
  - 6. Deadly force
- D. Deputies should pay particular attention to those subjects who show indications of mental illness, emotional disturbances, and/or medically significant behavior.

### III. TRANSPORT

- A. Deputies should exercise caution when transporting injured subjects.
- B. For a comprehensive discussion on transporting injured subjects, see **General Order 7.01 Search/Transport of Detainees**

### IV. REPORTING

- A. Deputies shall complete a long form incident report and, when required, a Use of Force Reporting Form. For a comprehensive discussion, see **General Order 5.05 Use of Force/Reporting and Review**.
- B. Deputies will obtain photographs of any actual or reported injuries resulting from any use of force.
- C. When completing a detailed long form incident report, deputies will document any actual or reported injury resulting from any use of force, as well as the monitoring and aftercare provided.

This General Order cancels and supersedes any and all previous written directives relative to the subject matter contained herein.

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