



PROCEDURAL NOTICE 4.5 USE OF FORCE/MEDICAL AID

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedural notice is to ensure all officers are aware of the Dover Police Department's mandate that appropriate medical aid is rendered to individuals in police custody, who may have been injured in flight or subjected to various levels of force necessary to secure their arrest or detention.

II. POLICY

If medical aid is indicated for a person in police custody, appropriate treatment will be obtained for the individual as soon as possible. Additionally, whether it is an arrest or detention, the appropriate Officer in the following circumstances will complete a departmental "Use of Force Report":

- A. Any injury, or possible injury, to the person being taken into custody or detained.
- B. Any intermediate weapon(s) used by an Officer such as the Taser, OC spray, baton or other departmentally issued or approved device.
- C. Any "takedown" or tackle.
- D. Any strike, punch, kick or pressure point.
- E. Any instance where an Officer is required to use any tactic, technique or force that is above what is considered to be 'normal' handcuffing.
- F. This requirement will not apply to School Resource Officers (SRO's) who are using the amount of physical control required to break up a student fight unless one of the above listed criteria are met and the instance went beyond the separation of students.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. When lethal force is used against another person, the Officer will ensure the individual receives immediate medical aid once the situation is stabilized. The first aid kit, which is located in most police vehicles, will be used immediately if available and emergency medical services will be notified without delay. Once EMS is activated, it is the responsibility of the Officer(s) present to apply appropriate first aid measures.
- B. When force, other than lethal force is used, and illness or injury results, appropriate medical aid will be applied. The Officer will then consider whether the subject will need to be evaluated at a medical facility.

C. Appropriate medical aid may include observation of the person to detect changes in their condition, applying first aid, and/or evaluation by EMS. It does not mean that all injured subjects will be immediately evaluated at a medical facility. However, if an ill or injured person requests medical aid, or the Officer believes that medical aid is required, such aid will be obtained. In serious situations, EMS will be notified as soon as possible. In minor situations, Officer(s) may elect to contact EMS for evaluation and/or transport or simply handle the transport via police vehicle as dictated by the circumstances.

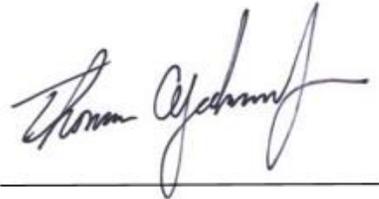
IV. SUPERSEDES

This order supersedes all directives and procedures, written and otherwise, not in complete conformity herewith.

V. EFFECTIVE

This notice becomes effective upon execution and issuance

ORDER EXECUTED AND ISSUED this 30th day of November, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Johnson, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas A. Johnson, Jr.
Chief of Police