

VALLEYCARE
**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

**NUMBER: 3269
VERSION: 1**

SUBJECT/TITLE: RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES

POLICY: Defining working relationships with outside agencies.

PURPOSE: The Department of Emergency Medicine maintains a working relationship with other agencies within the community to provide a thorough system of appropriate health care.

DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE (DEM)

DEFINITIONS:

- PROCEDURE:**
1. Law Enforcement – L.A.P.D., C.H.P., Sheriff’s and Marshall’s Department

 Care for prisoners in custody of the above mentioned agencies, is provided by abiding with the City/County contact. Members of the above agencies are given our complete cooperation in the process of their respective investigations and duties.
 2. Los Angeles City and county Fire Departments

 The Paramedical Program is a priority within the Department of Emergency Medicine. As a receiving facility, we allow for exchange of equipment and supplies. The Paramedics are encouraged to participate in clinical educational experiences within the Department of Emergency Medicine.
 3. County EMS (Emergency Medical Systems)

 The Department of Emergency Medicine abides by and participates in all EMS requirements. The Paramedic Liaison Nurse routinely attends Base Station Meetings and maintains open communication with EMS Captains.
 4. Hospital Participation in Community-Wide Activities in Emergency Medical Services

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Olive View-UCLA Medical Center is actively involved in inter-hospital and community-wide activities in emergency medical services. For example

- a. The hospital belongs to the Hospital Council of Southern California and as an active member, participates in the community-wide programs of the Council for Emergency Services. Examples of these programs include participation in the HEAR (Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio)/Reddi-Net Network and CWIRS Program developed by the Council; adherence to the Los Angeles County Emergency/Disaster Planning Guidelines outlining county-wide coordination of hospitals in the event of major emergencies and disasters and the responsibilities of the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center. The Paramedic Nurse Liaison represents Olive View-UCLA Medical Center at county-wide EMS planning meetings for Emergency Preparedness.
 - b. The Department of Emergency Medicine plays an essential role in the hospital and community Emergency Preparedness plan. All Department of Emergency Medicine staff will be familiar with the overall plan, focusing on the Department of Emergency Medicine's role. All Department of Emergency Medicine personnel will participate in disaster casualties at the time of a disaster.
5. Through established, on-going relationships, the hospital maintains communications and coordination with local ambulance provider programs.
6. The Department of Emergency Medicine sponsors an on-going educational series of classes monthly in aspects of Emergency and Occupational Industrial Care open to in-house and community participation. Schedules are planned in advance.

References:	
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