

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 883

SUBJECT: PROHIBITION ON CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY EMS PERSONNEL

PURPOSE

To establish a policy prohibiting the carrying of weapons by on-duty EMS personnel. This policy does not apply to on-duty peace officers (i.e., police, sheriff, CHP, arson investigators) who may also provide emergency patient care during the course of their assigned peace officer duties.

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.200, 1797.204 and 1798.200.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

POLICY

On-duty EMS personnel shall not carry or possess on or about their person, or have in EMS equipment or vehicles, the following articles:

- Firearms
- Stun guns
- Concealed weapons of any sort
- Any other deadly weapon
- Saps, lead weighted gloves
- Night sticks, batons, billy clubs
- Ammunition, bullets
- Dirk or dagger
- Switchblade knife
- Tear gas, mace, pepper spray, chemical agents
- Handcuffs
- Any other items identified in Penal Code Section 12020

This policy does not include pocket knives or similar tools, instruments and/or equipment used in rescue EMS operations. It does not include animal repellent used on animals.

It is recommended that EMS provider agencies develop internal policies regarding weapons that at a minimum comply with this policy.

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