


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy			
Prohibition On Carrying Of Weapons By EMS Personnel			
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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 or members of an approved Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) program who may also provide emergency patient care during the course of their assigned duties. This policy also does not apply to EMS supervisor personnel who have a current/valid carrying a concealed weapon (CCW) permit, if the EMS provider agency has a policy specifically addressing this matter (including minimum training requirements, storage, etc.).

AUTHORITY:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, § 1797.200, 1797.204 and 1798.200.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

POLICY:

- A. On-duty EMS personnel shall not carry or possess on or about their person, or have in EMS equipment or vehicles, any of the following articles:
 - 1. Firearms or concealed weapons of any sort.
 - 2. Stun guns or Tasers.
 - 3. Night sticks, batons, billy clubs, saps, or lead weighted gloves.
 - 4. Dirk, dagger, or switchblade knife.
 - 5. Any other deadly weapon.
 - 6. Tear gas, mace, pepper spray, or chemical agents.
 - 7. Handcuffs.
- B. This policy does not include pocket knives or similar tools, instruments/equipment used in EMS rescue operations, or animal repellent.