



ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PROCEDURES
TRANSPORT OF ~~POLICE DOGS (K9)~~PUBLIC SAFETY WORKING DOGS
INJURED IN LINE OF DUTY

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INDICATIONS:

- Transport of ~~police dog~~public safety working dogs handler(s) and a ~~police dog~~public safety working dog injured in the line of duty.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Need to ~~treat and / or~~ transport human patient(s) at the same scene ~~in~~by the same ambulance crew / unit.

EQUIPMENT:

- ~~None required.~~
- ~~(may~~May supply ~~K-9 police officer~~public safety animal handler with access to oxygen, ~~and~~ oxygen delivery equipment, gauze bandage, ~~and~~ hemostatic dressings, ~~and other medical equipment as needed.~~
- Agencies may elect to carry equipment specific to care of injured dogs.

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PROCEDURE:

- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for potential blood exposure.
- Allow ~~police dog~~public safety working dog handler (~~K-9 Officer~~) to place dog onto gurney.
- Allow ~~police dog~~ handler to stabilize dog to gurney (may use straps available).
- Assist ~~police dog~~ handler with set-up of oxygen and provide sterile dressings, including hemostatic dressings if available. For oxygen delivery, may provide ~~officer~~handler with a human non-rebreather mask, nasal cannula, ~~or~~ canine mask (if available).
- EMTs are not to ride in patient cabin during transport; ~~K-9 officer~~handler(s) will attend to dog.
- Transport to veterinary location as directed by ~~police dog~~ handler; may transport with lights and siren if directed to do so by ~~K-9 officer~~handler.
- After off-loading dog, clean patient cabin area consistent with their agency's standard post-transport cleaning and infection-control policies. using usual cleaning procedures.

DOCUMENTATION:

- Notify ~~ambulance~~agency dispatch ~~office~~center of transport, including date, time, and ~~public safety working dog's agency name~~police department. An OCEMS ePCR should not be generated.

NOTES:

- An injured ~~police dog~~public safety working dog may manifest unpredictable behaviors due to stress. Follow directions of ~~K-9 officer~~handler and avoid direct contact with dog. Do not get between ~~the handler and the dog~~K-9 officer and dog.

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