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Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Policy and Procedure

In An Emergency

- 1. Call 9-1-1 and Get Professional Help Quickly**
- 2. Get the AED Unit**
- 3. Bring the AED Unit to the Victim**
- 4. Turn on the AED**
- 5. Follow Commands from AED**

Definitions:

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED): An AED is a device that is used during a sudden cardiac arrest that delivers an electric shock through the chest into the heart. The AED has the ability to analyze a person's heart rate to determine if they need an electric shock.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA): Normal function of the heart is caused by an electrical signal that contracts the heart and pumps blood through the body. In SCA, these electrical signals malfunction and blood no longer pumps effectively through the body. This is called Ventricular Fibrillation and can be treated with an AED when used soon after onset of SCA. Risk factors for SCA include obesity and cardiovascular disease.

Purpose:

An AED is a temporary lifesaving device that is intended for use prior to the arrival of professional Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The purpose of this policy is to assure key church members understand:

- When to use the AED
- What is the "Health Ministry" and how to become a registered, qualified member
- Who is best qualified to use the AED
- Who is to maintain the AED
- Understanding the first responder role in emergency situations

When to use the AED

- Any witnessed sudden collapse
- Encounter of an unconscious individual
- If you encounter either of these situations, **and the person is not breathing**, have the AED ready to administer.

What is the Health Ministry:

The American Heart Association and the American Red Cross strongly recommend that first responders to an emergency be currently trained in the proper administration of First Aid and CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). First Aid and CPR Training are required every two years to remain current. To become part of the Grace Episcopal Church Health Ministry, the following requirements must be met:

- A Current First Aid/CPR Certification from the American Red Cross
- Current certification on file with the Ministry Program Leader
- Training in the use of the Church's AED specific device
- A desire to be a first responder to provide these services

Who is best qualified to use the AED:

Although there is no required licensing or specific training required to use the AED, it is our hope that the AED would be used and administered by a registered member of the Health Ministry. Individuals with this training make them the most desirable persons to operate the equipment. Proper training reduces the users liability as well.

Please remember when responding or reacting to an emergency:

1. CHECK the safety of the area
2. CALL 9-1-1 immediately to get professional advanced healthcare providers responding
3. Then begin your care.

Location of the AED Unit

The AED unit is stored in a cabinet in the Choir Room between the main Sanctuary and the Church Office. The cabinet is closed, but unlocked at all times. A door alarm will ring if/when the unit is removed. Closing the door will reset the alarm. The unit is stored in a bag with all material necessary for emergency CPR and the use of the AED.

Who is to maintain the AED

The AED will be maintained by the Healthcare Ministry Program Administrator. The duties will include:

- A monthly system check, as described by the manufacturer of the AED device.
- A monthly review of supplies supporting the AED and first responders (Gloves, Breathing Mask, and the First Aid Kit).
- Date and sign-off sheet will be maintained in the AED Cabinet.
- If any problems are identified, the manufacturer will be notified immediately so that repairs can be made.
- Should the AED be used in an actual emergency, the Ministry Program Administrator shall restock the used supplies as quickly as possible.

Understanding the first responder's role in an emergency situation:

We have attached as an appendix to this policy is a copy of California Law dealing with the deployment of an AED and the role of a volunteer first responder in a medical emergency.

Users should review this document carefully.

Your role in an emergency, after rendering First Aid, CPR and/or the AED, is to stay with the victim until professional assistance arrives at the scene. It is also your responsibility to communicate all actions you witnessed and performed on the victim to the advanced medical team. Lastly, it is suggested that at the completion of the incident, you write a memo or letter to the Senior Warden of the Church discussing your actions. This document is to assist your recall of events in detail for a later time, should that become necessary.

California AED Bill

SB 911 Senate Bill

CHAPTERED BILL NUMBER: SB 911
CHAPTERED BILL TEXT
CHAPTER JULY 23, 1999
FEBRUARY 25, 1999

An act to add Section 1714.21 to the Civil Code, and to add Section 1797.196 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 911, Figueroa. Emergency care: automatic external defibrillator: acquisition and liability. Existing law provides immunity from civil liability to any person who, in good faith and without compensation or the expectation of compensation, renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency. Existing law expressly provides immunity from civil liability to any person who completes a designated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course and who, in good faith, renders emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the scene of an emergency, without the expectation of receiving compensation for providing the emergency care.

This bill would provide immunity from civil liability to (1) any person who, in good faith and not for compensation renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an automated external defibrillator at the scene of an emergency, has completed a basic CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) use course that complies with regulations adopted by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority and the standards of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross for CPR and AED use, (2) a person or entity who provides CPR and AED training to a person who renders emergency care pursuant to (1), and (3) a physician who is involved with the placement of an AED and any person or entity responsible for the site where an AED is located if that physician, medical authority, person, or entity has complied with certain requirements. The bill would provide that its protections shall not apply in the case of personal injury or wrongful death that results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person who renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, authorizes the Emergency Services Authority to establish minimum standards for the training and use of automatic external defibrillators by individuals not otherwise licensed or certified for the use of the device.

This bill would require any person who acquires an automatic external defibrillator to comply with specified requirements in the bill.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: It is the intent of the Legislature that an automated external defibrillator may be used for the purpose of saving the life of another person in cardiac arrest when used in accordance with Section 1714.21 of the Civil Code.

SECTION 2: Section 1714.21 is added to the Civil Code, to read:

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "AED" or "defibrillator" means an automated or automatic external defibrillator.
- (2) "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(b) A person who has completed a basic CPR and AED use course that complies with regulations adopted by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority and the standards of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross for CPR and AED use, and who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any acts or omissions in rendering the emergency care

(c) A person or entity who provides CPR and AED training to a person who renders emergency care pursuant to subdivision (b) shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any acts or omissions of the person rendering the emergency care.

(d) A physician who is involved with the placement of an AED and any person or entity responsible for the site where an AED is located shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any acts or omissions of a person who renders emergency care pursuant to subdivision (b) if that physician, person, or entity has complied with all requirements of Section 1797.196 of the Health and Safety Code that apply to that physician, person, or entity.

(e) The protections specified in this section shall not apply in the case of personal injury or wrongful death those results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person who renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED.