



## CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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1. This policy applies to the following Correctional Facilities:
  - 1.1 The Maguire Facility - Redwood City
  - 1.2 The Women's Jail - Redwood City
  - 1.3 The North County Jail - South San Francisco
2. Deputy Sheriffs are the only personnel in the jail authorized to request a code of response for an ambulance.
  - 2.1 The Deputy making the request to the communications center must be with the patient and able to provide accurate and complete information to enable PSC to determine the appropriate dispatch priority through the Emergency Medical Dispatch system.
3. Once the dispatcher requests the information as to the nature of the emergency and jail personnel cannot provide such information, the ambulance will be dispatched Priority 1 as an unknown medical.
4. The dispatcher will dispatch firefighter first responders and a 9-1-1 ambulance.
5. The dispatcher will ascertain the preferred access to the facility and ensure that someone is ready to let the first responders and ambulance personnel gain access to the scene of the medical emergency.
6. Jail Facilities - For any medical emergency, jail personnel will call 9-1-1 to summon an ambulance. It is essential that the caller specify exactly the location to which emergency medical personnel should respond. The dispatcher will request information as to the nature of the emergency. Jail personnel will provide the most accurate and complete information possible e.g. chest pain, seizure, profuse bleeding. (It is helpful for the responders to know the patient problem so that they will bring the appropriate equipment with them.)

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- 6.1 The dispatcher will dispatch firefighter first responders and a 9-1-1 ambulance.
- 6.2 Jail personnel will ensure that someone is ready to let the first responders and ambulance personnel gain access to the scene of the medical emergency.
- 6.3 Jail personnel will provide all information to the medical personnel that they request.
- 6.4 Jail personnel will provide required paperwork to ambulance personnel. (If immediate transport is indicated, such transport will not be delayed for paperwork).
- 6.5 If a deputy needs to accompany the patient in the ambulance, ambulance personnel will be informed of this fact as soon as possible.
- 6.6 If a physician employed by the Jail is present, the ambulance personnel shall follow Policy Operations - 5, and the physician shall be treated as the "patient's private physician".
- 6.7 Patient management and destination shall be according to standard policies and procedures established by San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- 6.8 It is understood that patients needing psychiatric evaluation will usually be transported to San Mateo Medical Center via sheriff's transportation. However, if it is deemed that the patient should be transported by ambulance the jail staff will request an ambulance directly from the contract routine transport provider.