



King County
Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

November 3, 2017

TO: Sheriff John Urquhart

FR: Deborah Jacobs, Director, Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

RE: Updating Use of Force policy to include Providing Aid/Care After Fire

Following the commencement of KCSO's three-day live in-service training covering topics including tactical de-escalation, defensive tactics, procedural justice, and "care under fire," OLEO recommends updating the General Orders Manual (GOM) to bring it in-line with current training.

Specifically, during the "care under fire" portion of the training, deputies are encouraged, if safe and feasible, to provide aid to persons injured during a use of force incident until medical aid arrives. In some circumstances, this aid could be life-saving and conveys good intentions to the family and public. Some members have provided aid immediately after a shooting in at least a couple incidents this year. It is not currently a policy in the GOM, but OLEO recommends adding it. In proposing this policy, we are mindful that it is not always safe to provide aid following a use of force incident and that not all members involved in a use of force incident will have the mental or physical ability to provide aid.

The following is the proposed language and a section where the policy could be added:

6.00.015

USE OF FORCE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT: 09/16

1. ~~When possible, m~~Members shall call for medical aid as soon as possible when there is an obvious, suspected or alleged injury to any person involved in the use of force.
2. When safe and feasible, members are encouraged to provide aid, such as applying tourniquets or bandages, to persons injured during a use of force incident.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.