


<b>New Berlin Police Department Directives Manual</b>		<b>Directive Title: Use of Force – Rendering Aid</b>			
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### Purpose

This directive outlines the requirements to provide medical aid after force has been used against a person.

### Policy

It is the policy of the department that officers will render aid as soon as safely possible after they have used force against another person. In instances where EMS personnel have been summoned by an officer following a use of force incident, the officer requesting EMS personnel or the officer in charge of the scene will provide basic information to EMS personnel regarding the reason for the call. Officers will provide information regarding the mechanism and possible nature of any injuries sustained. Officers using force against a person will allow EMS personnel access to the suspect to perform an injury assessment and determine the need for advanced care.

### Rendering Aid

**Focused Strikes:** When an officer uses a focused strike against another person, the officer will attempt to determine if the person is injured as soon as safely possible. If the person is injured, or requests medical assistance, the officer will summon an ambulance.

**Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.):** Whenever an officer uses O.C. against another person, the officer will provide medical assistance and will summon an ambulance to medically evaluate the person. If available, the officer may provide the person with water to begin flushing the O.C. from the person's eyes.


**Emergency Restraint Chair:** Whenever a person is placed in the Emergency Restraint Chair, officers will constantly monitor the person for any obvious signs of medical distress.

**Electronic Control Device:** Whenever an Electronic Control Device is used against a person, the officer will provide medical assistance and will summon an ambulance to medically evaluate the person. If the probes are embedded in sensitive tissue areas, i.e. neck, face, groin, or the breast of a female, an officer shall arrange transport to a medical facility for removal. If the probes are embedded in other non-sensitive tissue areas, a trained officer may remove them per the trained procedures.

**Less Lethal Impact Munitions (LLIMs):** Whenever an officer uses LLIMs against a person, the officer will provide medical assistance and will summon an ambulance to medically evaluate the person.

**Canine bite:** An ambulance will be called to medically assist a person whenever a police canine has bitten a person during an apprehension effort.

**Lethal force:** Whenever an officer uses lethal force against another person, the officer, if able, will provide medical assistance and will summon an ambulance to medically assist the person.

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In all instances where medical aid is provided to a person after any level of force has been used, an officer will stay with the person. The officer will maintain control of the person at all times until relieved of this responsibility. After any medical aid has been rendered to a person, officers will continue to observe the person for any obvious changes that may indicate the person is in medical distress.

By Order of:   
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