



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM  
POLICY & PROCEDURES

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**PURPOSE:** To provide guidance on transporting Law Enforcement Officer Dogs injured within the Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Medical Services System (CDHEMSS).

**POLICY:**

A “Police Dog” is defined as a dog owned or used by law enforcement department or agency, in the course of the department or agency's work, including but not limited to:

1. A search and rescue dog, service dog
2. Accelerant detection canine
3. A dog that is in use by a county, municipal, or State law enforcement agency.

Should a police dog be injured in the line of duty, an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN or Paramedic may transport the injured animal to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if the following conditions are met:

1. There are no injured persons requiring medical assessment, treatment or transport
2. The dog is under control of its handler
3. There are additional ambulances available should a person require medical assessment, treatment or transport
4. The dog does not pose a risk to EMS providers

Destination should be at the direction of the dog’s handler. It is advised that agencies pre- plan with their law enforcement agencies on locations of veterinary hospitals / clinics, their hours and their capabilities.

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