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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 2023 **AUTHORIZATION:** W. Scott Cluett III, Director

TITLE: Basic Life Support (BLS) Equipment List for Police Dog (K9) Care

SUPERSEDES: None

General Principles

- A. **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Chapter 23 of the Acts of 2022
- B. **REGULATORY AUTHORITY:** 105 CMR 170.455, 170.460, 170.470
- C. **AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT:** In addition to the equipment required by AR 5-401, ambulance services must carry equipment below, as required by the Police Dog (K9) Protocols. The statute governing police dog care and transport restricts EMS to care and transport at the BLS level only.
- D. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:** All equipment must be designed and constructed to meet veterinary performance objectives and must not endanger police K9 patients.
- E. **MAINTENANCE:** All equipment and supplies must be maintained and used according to manufacturers' specifications, including but not limited to, for storage, expiration date and replacement. Services must keep records of preventive maintenance and repairs for all equipment, including service-level and third-party inspection and maintenance records.
- F. **SPECIFICATIONS:** All equipment must be latex free if available. Disposable is preferred.

ITEM	#	DESCRIPTION	MIN. SIZE PER ITEM	TOTAL QUANTITY	CLASS			
					I	II	IV	V
Tight-fitting K9 oxygen mask	K9.1	Must be "anesthesia type", tightly fitting to nose/face, without exhalation ports, and able to connect to Adult BVM for positive pressure ventilation	Large	1	I	II	IV	-
SWAT-T-type tourniquet	K9.2	Arterial tourniquet reserved for Police K9 Use only. Must not be windlass-type.		1	I	II	IV	-