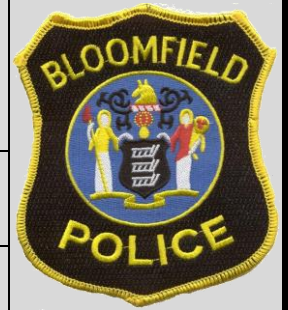


# BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS



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<b>SUBJECT: Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDS)</b>		
<b>BY THE ORDER OF:</b> Director Samuel A. DeMaio		<b>ACCREDITATION STANDARDS:</b> None
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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this directive is to establish a protocol for the use of department Automated External Defibrillators (AEDS) which are located in selected patrol vehicles.

**POLICY:** The Bloomfield Police Department is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all members of the community. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) have proven to significantly increase the chances of survival of persons who experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest, provided the AEDs are properly equipped, located, maintained and used. Consequently it is the policy of the Bloomfield Police Department to acquire AEDs and ensure that all AEDs are maintained and available with the cooperation and assistance of the Bloomfield Emergency Medical Services (Bloomfield EMS).

## PROCEDURES:

### I. AVAILABILITY AND USE

- A. At the start of each shift, officers working their regular tour of duty and assigned to a patrol vehicle, will ensure that the AED is in their vehicle and record the same on their log sheet
- B. Officers will ensure that the AED in their vehicle is “Rescue Ready” by checking that the AED’s light is flashing “green” (Section II)
  - 1. If the AED’s light is flashing anything other than “green”, follow steps outlined in section II below.
  - 2. There is no need to start the AED everyday as the unit does internal self-testing on its own.
- C. If the AED is missing the officer will immediately notify the roll call supervisor who will conduct an investigation and report his/her findings to the shift commander.
- D. Should a vehicle be taken out of service, even for a short period, the assigned officer shall transfer the AED to their new vehicle. When equipment is transferred between vehicles the officer shall record the movement on their log sheet(s).
- E. Upon completion of a call where an AED was used the officer shall respond to Bloomfield EMS Headquarters and with the assistance of the crew on duty complete any and all necessary reports that might be required by EMS and for AED pads replacement.

### II. MAINTENANCE

- A. AEDS that are ready to use normally have a “Green” flashing light in the right corner of the unit near the handle. This means that the unit is Rescue Ready and is operating normally.
- B. If the flashing light is “Red” or “Yellow/Orange” this means that the unit needs to be serviced and should be put **Out of Service** and taken to Bloomfield EMS Headquarters as soon as possible.
- C. If the AED is making an intermittent “chirping” sound it needs to be serviced and should be placed **Out of Service** and taken to Bloomfield EMS Headquarters as soon as possible.
  - 1. If a unit is taken out of service, officers are to notify their supervisor and take steps to replace their vehicle with an available AED.