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Driving Under the Influence: Blood Draw Protocol

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OVERVIEW:

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office and AMR have signed a contract for non-consensual blood draws for DUI investigations. Beginning November 1, 2019, at 0001 hours, please follow the protocols below:

- Use AMR for refusal DUI blood draw WARRANTS ONLY. Call AMR after the warrant has been obtained.
- All consensual blood draws will be taken to the hospital. If AMR is used for a consensual blood draw the Department will be charged. The only exception to this rule is at the scene of a collision where AMR is on scene, the person is under arrest for DUI, they consent to a blood draw, and AMR agrees to complete the blood draw. No charges will be incurred in this scenario.
- Dispatch will contact the County Communications Center at (805) 683-2724 to request AMR.
- AMR can be requested to respond to the station or the Santa Barbara County Jail for the warrant blood draws. **DO NOT CALL THEM TO YOUR SCENE.** The maximum response time should not exceed one hour of the assignment of the call. If there are any issues, or it is otherwise not operationally feasible to transport the in-custody individuals, please notify your Sergeant.
- A Blood Draw Request Form shall be completed by AMR and the arresting officer. These forms should be provided by AMR, however, you should have copies on hand also. The form can be found attached to this email.
- In-Custody Restraints: Any subject who is refusing to give permission for a blood sample must be adequately restrained to ensure the safety of the subject in custody, the law enforcement agency personnel present, and the AMR Paramedic(s). If, at any time, law enforcement personnel believe the subject in custody will require additional restraints beyond that of which is immediately available to the AMR Paramedics(s), the subject in custody shall be transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail and the restraint chair shall be utilized.
- The State of California Department of Justice Regional Crime Lab shall provide to AMR all blood sample collection vials and evidence envelopes necessary to perform the blood draws. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES** shall instruct the AMR Paramedic(s) on which vial(s) to use. AMR shall provide all other materials necessary to perform the blood draws, and shall dispose of all associated biohazard waste.
- Chain of Custody: Once the venous blood sample is obtained, the AMR Paramedic(s) shall give the sample over to the witnessing County of Santa Barbara Law Enforcement Official for processing.