

TITLE O P E R A T I O N S M A N U A L	STANDARD INSTRUCTION 09		DEPARTMENT F I R E - R E S C U E
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) USE PRIOR TO EMS ARRIVAL	SECTION 03	PAGE 1 of 1	EFFECTIVE DATE 27 November 2021

I. PURPOSE

To provide direction upon arrival at scene when an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been placed on a patient.

II. SCOPE

This policy shall apply to all sworn San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) (except lifeguards) and all Falck San Diego personnel.

III. AUTHORITY

The fire chief authorizes the information within this policy.

IV. POLICY

When first responder crews arrive on scene and determine that both AED pads have been placed on a patient, the following steps must be taken:

- A. Remove the pads from the patient prior to applying first responder AED pads
- B. Determine from the user how many shocks have been delivered
- C. Contact Emergency Command and Data Center (ECDC) via radio, request “AED” response, and ensure this information is added to the incident CAD notes
- D. Include the AED deployment information in the prehospital radio report
- E. Leave the AED unit at scene with the owner
 - 1. Advise the owner to contact their service provider to put the AED back into service
 - 2. Document AED deployment information into the ePCR fields, including “who used the AED prior to EMS arrival”
 - 3. Document additional AED related information in ICHART
 - a. For example: “Patient found with lifeguards with CPR in progress. Lifeguards advise that AED applied, and 2 shocks were delivered.”
- F. If the AED used was assigned to an SDFD unit, contact ECDC and advise that a city AED was used.