



## GENERAL ORDER

# NO. 439

REFERENCE: 20.1, 43.8

### Medical and Mental Health of Persons in Custody

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#### I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for ensuring that subjects while in custody receive the proper medical and mental health needs and ensure the safety of the subject.

#### II. POLICY:

The Solvay Police Department is committed to treat all citizens with dignity in a manner which protects the subject's rights, and ensure their medical and mental health needs are provided, as well as their personal safety.

#### III. PROCEDURE:

##### A. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It is the responsibility of all Village of Solvay Police department members, sworn and non-sworn ensure the medical and mental health needs are being provided to subjects in their custody, to include:
  - a. Any subject under arrest or in the custody of a police officer, peace officer or other law enforcement representative or entity, such officer shall have a duty to provide attention to the medical and mental health needs of such subject, and obtain assistance and treatment of such needs for such subject. Which are reasonable and provided in good faith under the circumstances. When it is necessary to administer emergency assistance, medical or mental to a subject in severe medical distress, the officer will:
  - b. Notify the Communications Control Center that they have a subject with a medical emergency, the location, the nature and request the response of emergency medical service personnel and back-up officers, if necessary. He will also have the E911 Control Center notify the Watch Supervisor.
  - c. Provide first aid to subjects until emergency medical service personnel arrive. Whenever officers use the first aid kit (located in the kitchen/break room or uni-sex bathroom) they will submit a memorandum to Records Section staff if medical supplies need to be replenished.
  - d. Transport the subject to the closest medical facility for assistance if you can do so safely.
  - e. Subjects who possess prescription medicine in a properly labeled container should be permitted access to their medication as necessary. If the medication is not properly labeled, or the officer is in doubt with regard to providing the subject access to the medication, emergency medical service personnel should be summoned to assess the situation. Officers will not administer any prescription or non-prescription medications to any subject without prior authorization from a licensed physician.

- f. Whenever a subject is examined or treated by emergency medical service personnel, the officer will obtain a copy of the Pre-Hospital Care Report (PCR) prepared by them. A copy of this report will be attached to the subjects Police report and or Arrest Report and maintained by the Records Section.
- g. Watch supervisor or member involved will make notification to the Duty Chief or Chief of Police regarding the incident.
- h. Use caution for subjects in custody as they may fabricate a medical need to attempt an escape from custody.