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SUBJECT:**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:****Automatic External Defibrillators in County Buildings****County Administration**

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POLICY:

- A. It is the intent of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners to have Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) available in designated County buildings. The American Heart Association has determined that the number of deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest continues to rise nationally and advancements in AED technology have resulted in devices that have been proven safe and effective in treating sudden cardiac arrest.
- B. AEDs shall be made available in County buildings where large numbers of employees or high public traffic is anticipated. The actual number and location of AEDs will be determined by County Department/Division heads, or their designees.

PROCEDURE:

The following procedure shall be followed when requesting or using an AED in a County building:

- A. Once the determination has been made to place an AED in a particular County building, a written request shall be made to Nature Coast EMS (the County's ambulance provider). The request must include the Department/Division name, name of the contact person, building address, phone number and anticipated number of people to be trained.
- B. Upon receiving a request, Nature Coast EMS will coordinate one or more three-hour training sessions on the proper use of the AED.
- C. Upon successful completion of the training, EMS will issue a Certificate of Completion to all participants and will assist with securing an AED.
- D. One and a half (1 ½) hours of refresher training will be provided on an annual basis by EMS.

FOOTNOTES & REFERENCES TO RELATED AR's: Supersedes AR 10.07 dated July 24, 2001.