



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Sworn Personnel, Custody, Dispatchers and Supervisors

On, Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the following memorandum was drafted and sent to all Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Agencies. This directive will become **Effective** as of **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**.

**To:** All Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Agencies  
**From:** Dave Schierman, Director of Operations AMR Santa Barbara County  
**Re:** Implementation of Forceable Evidentiary Blood Draw Contract

AMR and the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office have entered into an agreement to provide forcible non-consenting evidentiary blood draws for driving under the influence investigations. Services for this contract will begin for all LEA's within Santa Barbara County at **0000 Hrs.** on **November 1, 2019**.

**Scope:** Blood draws shall only be taken by AMR personnel for forcible non-consenting evidentiary blood draws for driving under the influence investigations. No other blood draw requests shall be conducted under the scope of this Contract.

- AMR shall draw blood from individuals only upon the written request of a law enforcement officer and confirmation of legal authority.
- Forcible non-consenting evidentiary blood draws shall be obtained at the office of the requesting law enforcement agency, or at the Santa Barbara County Jail after the requesting law enforcement agency receives confirmation that a blood draw warrant has been authorized.
- If AMR, in its sole judgement, determines the blood draw cannot be administered in a reasonable and medically approved manner pursuant to Section 1524(a)(13) of the California Penal Code, then such refusal to perform will not create further liability or be determined to be a default under this Agreement.

**Blood Draw Warrants:** If a subject refuses to provide consent and a blood draw warrant is required, AMR will not be contacted until the requesting law enforcement agency receives confirmation that a blood draw warrant has been authorized.

- A blood draw warrant shall serve as legal authorization for AMR to perform forcible non-consenting evidentiary blood draws and non-forcible consenting evidentiary blood draws for driving under the influence investigations.
- In the event that the requesting law enforcement agency receives confirmation that a blood draw warrant has been authorized, and the subject subsequently provides consent for AMR to draw blood after initially refusing to provide consent, AMR may perform the non-forcible consenting evidentiary blood draw.

**Consenting/Non-Forcible Blood Draws:** LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCIES shall utilize the first available localized hospital as the primary option for consenting or non-forcible evidentiary blood draws.

In instances when it is not operationally feasible to transport in-custody individuals to the first available localized hospital for consenting or non-forcible evidentiary blood draws, a request for blood draw services shall be made to AMR.

- These requests must be approved by the appropriate authority within the requesting law enforcement agency.
- The requesting law enforcement agency shall be responsible for all associated costs.
- AMR shall submit an invoice to the requesting law enforcement agency.

**Requests for Services:** Requests for blood draw services shall be made to AMR via the County Communications Center. Requests shall be made by calling the County Communications Center at (805) 683-2724.

**Response Time:**

- AMR shall respond to blood draw requests with a maximum response time of one (1) hour.
- If AMR is unable to respond to a request for blood draw services, either AMR or the County Communications Center shall notify the requesting law enforcement agency within twenty (20) minutes

Stay safe and take care of one another.

Respectfully,

Sheriff's Training Bureau Training Cadre  
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