

BODY CAMERA MEDICAL REVIEW PROTOCOL

Post-Incident Medical Identification & Training Tool

PURPOSE

This protocol guides supervisors, training units, and internal review boards in identifying missed medical indicators during body camera review. Proper review helps improve training, reduce repeat errors, and protect both the public and responding officers.

PRIMARY MEDICAL REVIEW INDICATORS

- Delayed, confused, or incoherent speech
- Repeated failure to follow verbal commands
- Visible tremors, shaking, or collapse
- Facial drooping or muscle asymmetry
- Disorientation to time, place, or person
- Evidence of seizure, stroke, or head injury

TRAINING & RESPONSE EVALUATION

- Was EMS contacted promptly when medical signs appeared?
- Were verbal commands simplified during the interaction?
- Was force delayed until medical status was clarified?
- Was medical clearance obtained prior to booking?
- Was incident documentation medically accurate?

REVIEW OUTCOME ACTIONS

- Update training materials based on medical misidentification
- Provide targeted retraining to involved officers
- Revise departmental medical-response protocols if needed
- Coordinate with EMS and hospital partners for joint review

LEGAL & LIABILITY REMINDER

Failure to recognize obvious medical indicators captured on body camera footage can expose agencies to civil rights violations and wrongful death litigation. Proper post-incident medical review strengthens both accountability and public trust.

DISCLAIMER: This protocol is intended for training and internal review only. It does not replace legal counsel, departmental policy, or medical diagnosis. All investigations and medical determinations must follow established legal and clinical procedures.

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