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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, BLS, LALS, EMS Aircraft

FROM: Tom Lynch
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SUBJECT: TRANSPORT OF POLICE DOGS

Assembly Bill No. 1776 created Section 1797.10 of the California Health and Safety Code, which authorized the County of San Bernardino to work with Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) to conduct a pilot project for the emergency medical transportation of police dogs injured in the line of duty. The pilot project will be in effect from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2022. The EMS provider's administration must determine if they will create a policy to permit the ambulance transportation of injured police dogs.

ICEMA has created a policy for EMS providers that elect to allow the ambulance transportation of an injured police dog. In the event that a police dog is transported, a Police Dog Transport form must be completed (see attached form). The form is available on the ICEMA website at ICEMA.net under Applications/Forms/Live Scan. This policy will be in effect until the end of the pilot project on January 1, 2022, and requires ICEMA to provide a report to the Legislature upon completion of the pilot project. See attached Assembly Bill No. 1776 and ICEMA Reference #8160 - Emergency Medical Transport of Police Dogs - Pilot Project (San Bernardino County Only).

If you have any questions, please contact Suzee Kolodzik, EMS Specialist, at (909) 388-5820 or via e-mail at susan.kolodzik@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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POLICE DOG TRANSPORT FORM

TRANSPORTING PROVIDER INFORMATION

Transporting Provider Name: _____

Date of Incident: _____ Incident Number Assigned: _____

Incident Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

DATA COLLECTION

Requesting Police Department: _____

Police Dog Name: _____

Destination Facility Name: _____

Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Receiving Veterinarian Name: _____

Submitted By: _____ Date: _____

(ICEMA Use Only)

Date Received	Date Reviewed	Reviewed By

Comments: _____

Assembly Bill No. 1776

CHAPTER 272

An act to add and repeal Section 1797.10 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services.

[Approved by Governor September 6, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State September 6, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1776, Steinorth. Emergency medical transport of police dogs: pilot project.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority, among other things, to establish training standards for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) at various levels, including EMT-I, EMT-II, and EMT-P. Existing law requires each county that develops an emergency medical services program to designate a local emergency medical services agency to have primary responsibility for administration of emergency medical services in the county.

This bill would authorize the County of San Bernardino to work with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency to conduct a pilot project, commencing January 1, 2019, that would authorize transportation for a police dog, as defined, injured in the line of duty to a facility that is capable of providing veterinary medical services to that dog, if certain conditions are met. The bill would require the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency to collect specified data about the pilot project and submit a report to the Legislature describing the data by January 1, 2022. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2022.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of San Bernardino.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1797.10 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

1797.10. (a) The County of San Bernardino is authorized to work with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency to conduct a pilot project, commencing January 1, 2019, that would authorize emergency transportation for a police dog injured in the line of duty to a facility that is capable of providing veterinary medical services to the injured police dog if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) A request for transport is made by the injured police dog's canine handler.

(2) An ambulance is present at the scene of the injury at the time the request for transport is made.

(3) No person at the scene of the incident requires medical attention or medical transportation at the time the request for transport is made.

(4) The owner of the ambulance has a policy that permits the transport of an injured police dog.

(5) The canine handler accompanies the injured police dog and remains in full control of the dog during transport.

(6) The canine handler provides the location of the nearest facility that is capable of providing veterinary medical services to the injured police dog.

(7) The canine handler remains responsible for any first aid rendered to the injured police dog during transport.

(b) For purposes of this section, "police dog" means a dog being used by a peace officer in the discharge or attempted discharge of his or her duties and includes, but is not limited to, a search and rescue dog or a passive alert dog.

(c) (1) The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency shall collect data on the number of police dogs transported pursuant to this section, the location where the police dogs were transported to, and the outcome of those transports.

(2) The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency shall submit a report to the Legislature that includes the data described in paragraph (1) by January 1, 2022. The report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique needs of police dogs in the County of San Bernardino.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT OF POLICE DOGS - PILOT PROJECT (*San Bernardino County Only*)

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidance for the emergency transportation of police dogs injured in the line of duty.

II. FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

Police dog means a dog being part of the law enforcement team, with specific training used by a peace officer in the discharge or attempted discharge of his or her duties that may include, but not limited to, a search and rescue dog and a passive alert dog.

Police dogs injured in the line of duty may require immediate transport to a facility capable of caring for its injuries.

The EMS provider's administration must determine if they will create a policy to permit the ambulance transportation of an injured police dog.

III. PROCEDURE

An EMS provider is authorized to transport a police dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary facility capable of treating the police dog if all the following conditions apply:

- A request for transport of an injured police dog is made by the dog handler.
- The EMS transport provider is present at the scene of the injury at the time the request for transport is made.
- No person at the scene of incident is requiring medical attention or medical transportation at the time the request for transport is made.
- The EMS provider has a policy that permits the transportation of an injured police dog.
- The police dog handler accompanies the injured police dog and remains in full control of the dog during transport.
- The police dog handler provides the location to the nearest facility that is capable of providing veterinary medical services to the injured police dog.
- The police dog handler remains responsible for any first aid rendered to the injured police dog during transport.

IV. DATA COLLECTION

- EMS field personnel must immediately notify its EMS Coordinator upon return to service.
- A completed Police Dog Transport form must be submitted to the ICEMA Duty Officer via e-mail at icemadutyofficer@cao.sbcounty.gov, within 24 hours (form available on the ICEMA website at ICEMA.net).
- ICEMA shall collect data on the number of police dogs transported, the name of the facility to which the police dog was transported to, and the outcome of those transports.
- ICEMA shall submit a report to the Legislature that includes the data described above by January 1, 2022.