

Chapter	II	Operations
Subject	4	Emergency Medical Services
Topic	17	DUI Blood Draws

Purpose

A. To establish rules for Fire Department Paramedics drawing blood at the request of the Police Department in suspected cases driving under the influence.

Policy

- A. Cincinnati Fire Department Paramedics may draw blood at the request of a police officer, from a driver suspected of Operating a Vehicle Intoxicated (OVI).
- B. Cincinnati Fire Department Paramedics will not be dispatched for the sole purpose of drawing blood for the police.
- C. There shall be **no delay in transport of a trauma patient, or a critical patient for the sole purpose of drawing blood for the police**. Members are reminded that after extrication on scene time should be limited to **TEN MINUTES** for trauma patients.
- D. The police officer will read Administrative License Suspension form (BMV-2255) to the patient. The patient may or may not agree to have their blood drawn. If the patient refuses, no blood may be drawn, per ORC 4511.191. No force will be used to draw blood samples per Ohio law.
- E. Persons dead, unconscious, or who is in condition rendering them incapable of refusal, shall be deemed to have consented as provided by the Ohio Revised Code.
- F. Paramedics will insure alcohol swabs are not used in conjunction with blood samples. A police officer must witness the drawing of the blood sample and maintain control of the evidence. The police will provide the proper gray cap blood tubes for blood sample collection.
- G. Whenever the a blood sample is provided to the police the following must be documented on the patient care report:
 - 1. Name of paramedic drawing blood.
 - 2. Statement that no alcohol was used in preparation of the injection site.
 - 3. Name and badge number of the police officer that the blood tubes were given to.
- H. When ever a police officer requests that blood be drawn, and no blood is drawn,:
 - 1. Rescue 2 will be contacted.
 - 2. An F-47 Chiefs report will be submitted to Rescue 1 explaining the details of why the blood sample was not obtained.