

River Falls Ambulance Service Public Access Defibrillator Protocol

PURPOSE:

Since the implementation of WI Act 7, the Public Access to Defibrillation, dated July 28, 1999, all prehospital care providers in WI must be aware of the possibility of arriving on a scene where a defibrillator is already present and may have been used on the patient.

PROCEDURE:

When coming upon a scene that has a defibrillator already present, follow these steps:

1. Find out how many shocks have been given by the personnel on scene, including the estimated time of how long the patient was in arrest prior to first defibrillation.
2. Follow RF EMS protocol for cardiac arrest regardless of number of shocks given by personnel on scene. Consider keeping PAD on the patient for First Responder/BLS crews during CPR to avoid discrepancies of joules when switching defibrillators.
 - A) ALS personnel/crews should switch from PAD to RF EMS defibrillator
 - B) Continue with manual defibrillation.

Pediatric Patients: Since the Ambulance LifePak 12 defibrillator is not pediatric AED capable, continue the use of the PAD-Pediatric capable device in the ambulance. (*only for BLS crews*) Return the device upon completion of the call with a new set of pediatric pads.
3. Relay to medical control your current situation as time allows.
4. Include the public access defibrillation in the run report narrative including the number of shocks given by public access personnel and the River Falls EMS crew.
5. If possible, attempt to get name(s) of public access personnel on scene that were involved in shocking the patient and include them in the narrative.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. Any site owner that places an AED in the community must place in writing to the corresponding EMS agency the location, type and intended usage area of the AED. Once River Falls EMS has been notified of any AED in the community, a list will be posted in the ambulance bay. The enhanced 911 system will also be flagged notifying the dispatcher that an AED is present at that location.
2. The University of WI River Falls Campus Security and Athletic Trainers are trained in the use of AED's. They will notify responding River Falls EMS units on the UWRF frequency as far as patient update.

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