BECOMING A COUNTY OF VENTURA AED PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

I. Awareness Training Requirements
   a. Employees will be introduced to the definitions of sudden cardiac arrest, ventricular defibrillation, and the intentions of Senate Bill 911.
   b. Employees will be introduced to the operation and maintenance of the Automatic External Defibrillator Equipment.
   c. Employees will be introduced to the elements of the County’s Automatic External Defibrillation Program and offered the opportunity to participate.

II. CPR/AED Training Program Requirements
   a. Volunteering employees, with departmental approval, may participate in the County’s Automatic External Defibrillator Program.
   b. Training shall consist of not less than 4 hours instruction in the following topics and skills:
      i. Proper use, maintenance and inspection of the AED model used in this program.
      ii. The importance of CPR, defibrillation, advanced life support, and an internal emergency response system
      iii. An overview of the local EMS System, including 911 access, and interaction with EMS personnel
      iv. Assessment of an unconscious individual to determine if cardiac arrest has occurred and appropriateness of the use of an AED
      v. Information relating to defibrillator safety precautions
      vi. Recognition that an electrical shock has been delivered to the patient and that the defibrillator is no longer charged
      vii. Rapid accurate assessment of the patient’s post shock status to determine if further activation of the AED is necessary
      viii. The Authorized Individuals responsibility of continuation of care until the arrival of more medically qualified personnel
   c. In order to be issued a written validation / authorization to use the AED, employees must successfully complete the following:
      i. Written evaluation as part of the initial CPR/AED training;
      ii. Quarterly Skills Verification utilizing a software testing program;
      iii. Annual verification of skills utilizing a mannequin.
   d. CPR/AED certification must be renewed every two years by attending 4 hours of instruction.