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|  | ROFR Section 3900 | | Securing a Weapon |  |
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PURPOSE

To provide a procedure for securing a weapon being carried by at patient.

SCOPE

Responding personnel shall maintain awareness and will provide a means of safely securing a patients weapon while performing services.

Red Oak Fire Rescue personnel shall not handle any weapon unless it is absolutely necessary and a police officer is not immediately available.

Personnel shall advise the dispatcher the patient or contact person is exercising open/concealed carry of a firearm.

POLICY

Discovery of a Weapon

- A. In the event a patient informs ROFR personnel that a weapon is present, staff shall contact law enforcement. Prior to law enforcement arrival, members shall ask the patient to place the weapon in a gun storage case carried on the Engine. ROFR personnel shall secure the weapon in a safe place until the arrival of law enforcement. The officer shall notify dispatch they have a secured firearm and are requesting an officer. ROFR personnel should not attempt to unload the weapon; only secure in the provided gun case. The company officer or designee shall maintain possession of the case until law enforcement arrives. Do not leave the weapon unattended once taken into ROFR possession. If the EMS transport provider has not arrived request dispatch to make the provider aware of the situation.
- B. If members locate a weapon on an unconscious person while performing a medical assessment, the members shall place the weapon in the gun case and contact law enforcement to secure the weapon.

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- C. If the patient refuses to relinquish the weapon, the members shall notify law enforcement. Scene safety shall be evaluated and the company officer shall exercise good judgment as to continue patient care or wait until law enforcement arrives.

- D. If a patient has a weapon in their own residence, members shall request the patient leave the weapon secured in their residence. If the patient refuses, members shall notify law enforcement. Scene safety will be evaluated and the company officer shall use good judgment to determine whether to continue patient care or wait for a police officer to arrive.

- E. If law enforcement secures the weapon and it remains in the possession of law enforcement, document the officer's name in the narrative section of the report.

- F. If a weapon is secured in the gun case and transported with the patient to the hospital with the patient, request dispatch to contact hospital security/PD at the receiving hospital. Take the weapon out of the gun case and leave the weapon in the possession of the hospital security/PD. Document the name of the hospital officer and the type of weapon in the narrative in the patient report.

Safety Rules for firearms:

- G. All guns are always considered loaded

- H. Keep your finger off the trigger

- I. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you don't want destroyed

- J. Be aware of your back drop and beyond