7-03/070.05 Sick/Injured Inmate

Although the well-being of inmates in the custody of Sheriff personnel is of utmost importance, it must be emphasized that Deputy safety and the security of all inmates in custody must be considered. In aiding a sick or injured inmate, two points must be remembered:

- Do not enter an occupied detention area or bus compartment while armed.
- Do not enter an occupied detention area or bus compartment unless you have sufficient back up.

After satisfying the above, attempt to determine the seriousness of the illness or injury, keeping in mind that you are not a qualified medical technician. If any doubt exists, immediately call for medical assistance and sufficient back up. If you are in a vehicle and near a hospital consider the option of driving to the hospital. Whether waiting for an ambulance or driving to a nearby hospital, ensure that sufficient back up is en route.

If the paramedics arrive in the field and advise treatment at an emergency hospital or the ambulance arrives (where no paramedics are available), a peace officer must accompany the inmate. All inmates escorted or transported outside of a secure facility shall be handcuffed or chained.

When transporting an inmate in an ambulance, take all necessary documents (commitments, remand orders, etc.). In the event the inmate is subsequently transported to Los Angeles County Medical Center (LCMC) Jail Ward, the papers will be delivered with the inmate. Prepare a transmittal and obtain a signature for the inmate and papers. LCMC Jail Ward will not accept property. All property is to be taken to Inmate Reception Center/Sybil Brand Institute and processed.

When an ambulance is called or an inmate is treated at an emergency hospital, a report must be written. Give all the information to the Watch Sergeant for inclusion in the Watch Commander's Log. If the inmate is transported to LCMC Jail Ward, any subsequent transportation of property or papers must be listed on a "papers only" or "property only" transmittal.