

Post Use of Force Medical Attention (1010.20)

When a member is involved in the use of force in which injury has occurred or there is a potential for injury, the member, if able, shall continually monitor the subject if tactically appropriate or feasible. The member shall monitor the subject for changes in their skin and/or lip color, breathing and levels of consciousness. If any significant changes in any of these areas are observed, the member shall notify EMS immediately. See DIR 630.50 for further requirements.

- a. If the subject has been additionally restrained by the use of leg restraints and/or been placed on the ground for controls, as soon as practical, the following shall occur:
 1. Release pressure/weight from the subject's back or upper body.
 2. Check the subject's breathing and pulse, continuing to monitor until EMS arrive.
 3. Place the subject in a seated position or position the subject on their side

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- to reduce the possibility of positional asphyxia by reducing the restriction to the subject's diaphragm.
- b. Continue to keep EMS updated on the subject's condition if it appears to worsen.
 - c. Request EMS evaluate and treat those persons involved and injured prior to removal from the scene.
 - d. In the situation where pepper spray is used on the subject, every attempt shall be made to provide relief from the pepper spray exposure. The subject shall be removed from the exposure area into an area of open air. The area(s) of the subject exposed to the pepper spray shall be decontaminated by the most current approved method by EMS.
 - e. Contact the immediate supervisor and brief them of the incident.
 - f. Have the subject transported to a medical facility for additional treatment if recommended by EMS.
 - g. Immediately upon arrival at the correctional facility, the member shall notify a corrections staff member of the extent of the subject's injuries and medical treatment given and provide the corrections staff with the subject's medical release forms from the medical facility.