I. **PURPOSE**

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) is mandated by RCW 43.101.450(h) to develop First Aid Training and Guidelines. This training will prepare first responders to properly triage injuries and ensure that essential, lifesaving first aid is administered at the first safe opportunity to injured persons following a use of force incident, or any scene that is controlled by law enforcement.

These guidelines serve to clarify the expectations and requirements of first responders.  This is essential to serving the community and building public trust.

II. **RENDERING FIRST AID AT THE SCENE OF A POLICE USE OF FORCE INCIDENT**

At the earliest safe opportunity, officers shall recognize and act with urgency to provide first aid and take life saving measures to preserve human life for all persons at the scene.

Officers shall:

1. Remove or control any human, environmental, and/or physical threats
2. Request Emergency Medical Services
3. If there are multiple injured parties at the scene, triage and treat those with the most urgent need for life-saving measures, including maintaining a pulse, controlling bleeding, and maintaining breathing.
4. Provide appropriate first aid at the level of the officer’s training until relieved by emergency medical personnel, a health care professional, of any other person on the scene with a higher level of skills and medical training
5. Identify and utilize available medical resources, such as first aid kits, AEDs, tourniquets, etc.
6. Utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure the safety of everyone at the scene