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FCPD Policy/Policies of Medical Treatment of Use of Force Incidents

In answering the question of what are the current FCPD's policies on the provision of medical treatment and other assistance to individuals injured as the result of the use of force, here is the exact verbage out of General Order 540.1, Use of Force, Section II: " *It is the policy of the Police Department that force is used only to the extent reasonably necessary to defend oneself or another, to control a person during an investigative detention or mental detention, and to effect arrest. In all situations, medical assistance shall be provided to any person who is obviously injured, alleges an injury, or requests medical assistance."*
For reference, here is the link to General Order 540.1:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/materials/5401-general-order.pdf

I have not been able to find any other General Order, Command Memo, or SOP with more information in this area of medical treatment as a result of a use of force incident.

Therefore, as stated in previous UOF subcommittee meetings and member questioning, an operational and implementation plan of this medical treatment policy should be created and placed in a separate detailed section of General Order 540.1 or at least bare minimum be placed in an index/glossary section of this General Order. Keep in mind, this same recommendation of new plans should flow into CEW (Taser)non-deadly incidents where officers take medical action in an event, after a certain number of CEW deployments are taken against a subject.