

Non-Standing Unit Project Lifesaver Expectations

Non-Standing Units are the lead community relations agents for the Sheriff's Office. Due to their enhanced visibility, members are expected to meet additional requirements to maintain their skills, proficiency and credibility. In order to be recognized as an "active member" of a non-standing unit, and have an acceptable level of participation, members must satisfy the requirements/expectations as specified by their perspective non-standing unit. All members of the Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Unit are required to follow all SOP's and meet the following minimum expectations:

- At all times, Project Lifesaver members are required to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Agency in accordance with established Agency and County policies.
- To be recognized as a member with an active status and acceptable level of participation, you are required to be trained by a Certified PLS Instructor and conduct PLS equipment battery changes at least one time per calendar year. *This requirement can be met by either conducting PLS equipment battery changes for your assigned client, or participating in a PLS equipment battery change that is conducted as group such as with your squad or section.*
- In order to be a Project Lifesaver (PLS) Operator, you must receive training be certified by a Certified PLS Instructor.
- When a formal re-certification process is available, you will be required to recertify at least once every two years. However, more frequent training is highly encouraged.
- All PLS Instructors are required to be certified by Project Lifesaver International (PLSI) or representatives of PLSI.
- You are required to report any injury sustained while performing a PLS Unit related duty to any on duty supervisor, as soon as it is practical to do so.
- You are required to inform a PLS Unit supervisor of any lost or damaged equipment as soon as possible.

Members of the Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Unit may be suspended or removed from the unit should they fail to consistently meet the minimum expectations, come under investigation, are suspended from full duty status (non-medical) or receive formal discipline. For those who fail to meet the aforementioned minimum requirements/expectations, the Chief, Professional Services Branch will exercise his/her discretion when initiating a suspension or dismissal, taking into consideration all applicable facts and the circumstances pertaining to the situation.

The Chief, Professional Services Branch, a member of Internal Affairs or a Project Lifesaver Unit Coordinator will notify you if you are suspended from the Project Lifesaver Unit, and when the suspension is lifted. During the suspension:

- You are only permitted to train in order to maintain proficiency and meet minimum standards, unless otherwise directed by the Chief, Professional Services Branch. You will be informed of which aspects of training you are permitted to participate.
- You are not permitted to participate in any other Project Lifesaver Unit event or assignment.

Non-Standing Unit Member Agreement

I acknowledge receipt of the expectations of the **Project Lifesaver Unit**. I understand, and I agree to comply with, all of the requirements set forth in this document. I also understand that noncompliance, on my part, with any of the aforementioned requirements, can adversely affect my standing as an “actively participating member” of the **Project Lifesaver Unit**.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Supervisor's Signature