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Kansas City Kansas Fire Department

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		Rescinds: 300-09	
<i>This General Order is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee's civil liability in any way. This General Order should not be construed as creating a duty to act or a higher duty of care, with respect to third party civil claims against employees or the department</i>			
ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL: None			
NFPA STANDARD(S):			
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I. POLICY

This protocol is intended to refer to individual contacts. It is expected that a reasonable effort will be made to identify parties with acute illness or injuries. Adult parties indicating that they do not want assistance for themselves or dependent minors do not necessarily require documentation as patients. This disposition must be initiated by the individual.

No protocol can anticipate every scenario, and providers must use the best judgment based on available facts. When in doubt, treat the individual as a patient.

II. PRINCIPLE: A person with decision-making capacity may refuse examination, treatment, and/or transport.

III. ASSESSMENT:

1. Assess the age of the individual.
2. Decision-making capacity: assess the ability of the individual to make health care decisions.
3. Any suspected or admitted use of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating agents.
4. Evidence or admission of drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicating agents, hypoxia, head injuries, and other medical conditions can indicate that capacity to make a decision may no longer exist.
5. Special care and attention must be taken when making on-scene observations and the subsequent documentation that supports the determination the individual was competent or not to make such a decision.

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IV. DOCUMENTATION

1. Import CAD data for response times.
2. Record any available demographic data.
3. Minimum vital signs include RR and effort.
4. Determine the extent of injury/illness, paying particular attention to LOC and mental status and to any trauma/medical conditions that may be life-threatening.
5. Document all observations objectively.
6. The mental status of the patient (LOC, orientation, speech).
7. Document any advice given to the patient, parent, or guardian.
8. Any witnesses to the interaction between KCKFD personnel and the individual.
9. KCKFD personnel signatures.

V. REFERENCES

- Attorney General Opinion 85-119 Article 28 K.S.A. 65-2837.
- K.S.A. 59-2953
- K.S.A. 59-2954
- K.S.A. 65-6124
- K.S.A. 59-9273
- 2022 National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Version 3.0

VII. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. All members are responsible to have a thorough knowledge of this GO.
- B. Chief Officers and Company Officers shall conduct Company Training to ensure that all members are aware of the provisions of this GO.
- C. Chief Officers and Company Officers shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of this GO.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dennis Rubin, Chief of the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dr. Dennis Allin, Medical Director Kansas City Kansas Fire Department

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