

**Situation:** Gunshot/Stab Victims/Gang Violence

**Person Responsible:** Public Safety Desk Officer  
Public Safety Supervisor

**Primary Responsibility:**

To ensure that all gunshot / stabbing victims are reported to the proper authorities, to maintain the chain of custody of recovered evidence and to protect the medical center from related incidents. To ensure that patients, staff and visitors are safe and the medical campus secure from external threats related to the incident.

**Policy:**

The Emergency Department will notify Desk Officer in the event that a patient is admitted who has injuries that result from a gunshot or a stab wound.

The Emergency Department will notify the Desk Officer in the event that a patient is admitted, or an individual is present who is in possession of a weapon.

The Public Safety Desk Officer will notify LE of the presence of a victim of Gunshot or Stabbing.

The Public Safety Operation's Supervisor will determine the level of response needed during incidents in which individuals with possible gang-related injuries are being seen in the Emergency Department.

**Procedure:**

The Desk Officer will notify LE and advise the Public Safety Supervisor of the victims of gunshot / stabbing incidents if the Emergency Department has not already done so.

The Desk Officer will dispatch Public Safety Officers to the Emergency Department when a weapon is reported to be present. The responding officer will determine the nature of the issue and recover the weapon if necessary. In the event that a Public Safety Officer recovers a weapon, it will be secured in accordance with the departmental policy of Property and Evidence.

The Public Safety Operation's Supervisor will respond to the potential for escalation of violence due to the presence of individual(s) involved in gang-related violence. The Supervisor will assign staff and request assistance, as he/she deems necessary to maintain a safe and secure environment. These actions may include:

- Reassigning Public Safety Officers.
  
- Requesting assistance from LE (911)