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**Vicksburg Police Department
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POLICY:

Officers of the Vicksburg Police Department will be issued a Bleeding Control Kit. Officers will be trained in their use for self--preservation.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED
IN BOARD MEETING

PROCEDURE:

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The Vicksburg Police Department will require all officers to be properly trained in the use and deployment of bleeding control kits. All sworn personnel will be required to carry the kits in a common location that is readily accessible by that officer or other trained officers within the Department.

DEFINITIONS

Bleeding Control Kit: A kit designed to be carried by Officers in the field and used to control bleeding. Each kit contains a CAT tourniquet, a 4-inch trauma dressing, compress gauze, and a pair of nitrile gloves.

Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT): A tourniquet designed for self-deployment to control life-threatening external hemorrhaging from limb injury.

4-inch Trauma Dressing: A dressing designed to apply pressure and control hemorrhaging.

Compress Gauze: A woven fabric used to apply manual pressure to control hemorrhaging.

Nitrile Gloves: Personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect against exposure.

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Training on Bleeding Control Kits

All officers will receive training on the proper deployment of a bleeding control kit. This training must be completed before the personnel can carry or be issued a bleeding control kit.

Proper Use and Deployment

The bleeding control kit will be used for the self-preservation of the officer or for the life-saving measures of an injured person/people in the care of said officer. The kit shall be used only in accordance with the training and its designed purpose. The usage of a bleeding control kit by any Vicksburg Police Department sworn personnel outside of its design and purpose can result in disciplinary action.

Carrying of Bleeding Control Kits

All officers that are issued a bleeding control kit will carry the kit in their assigned patrol vehicles or be carried on the officer's duty belt. If carried in their patrol vehicles, the kit will be placed in the driver's side door pocket of his/her vehicle to maintain continuity and ease of use for the officer and responding officers.

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