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1. Legal blood collection will be performed upon the request of a law enforcement agency officer for any patient under the care of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue.
  - a. HCFR paramedics will not delay the transport of a critical or potentially critical patient solely to draw a legal blood collection.
2. Legal blood collection may be performed upon the request of a law enforcement agency officer who presents at the Fire Station (suppression or rescue may perform) and requests such lawful action.
  - a. An incident number shall be requested and ePCR completed.
3. The following will be the procedures followed for drawing a requested legal blood collection:
  - a. Use only a new, sealed, and pre-approved blood collection kit that is provided by the requesting law enforcement agency.
  - b. Perform an inventory of the collection kit that has been provided.
  - c. Perform the legal blood collection as directed by the instructions.
    - i. Note that different jurisdictions may require different procedures.
    - ii. Any deviation from the provided instructions must be documented in the ePCR.
  - d. Perform the legal blood collection in the presence of the requesting law enforcement officer.
    - i. Keep the collection handling to a minimum.
  - e. Document the name(s) of the requesting law enforcement agency, officer, and the receiver of the blood collection kit.
4. Complete the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Legal Blood Collection form and scan it into the ePCR.