

COUNTY OF VENTURA
HEALTH CARE AGENCY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy Title: Scene Control at a Medical Emergency		Policy Number 600
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- I. PURPOSE: To establish authority for scene control at a medical emergency.
- II. AUTHORITY: California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.6(c)
- III. POLICY:
 - A. Authority for the management of the scene of an emergency shall be vested in the appropriate public safety agency having primary investigative authority.
 - B. The scene of an emergency shall be managed in a manner designed to minimize the risk of death or health impairment to the patient and to other persons who may be exposed to the risks as a result of the emergency condition, and priority shall be placed upon the interests of those persons exposed to the more serious and immediate risks to life and health.
 - C. Public safety officials shall consult emergency medical services personnel or other authoritative health care professionals at the scene in the determination of relevant risks.