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OFF-AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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DATE: February 26, 2019

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff 

SUBJECT: **December 18, 2018 BOS Meeting, Item 109:**
Report Relating to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the County Jail Facilities

At the December 18, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting, Vice President Chavez requested an off-agenda report relating to who will receive Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training, including the training timeline, and to clarify whether training would be applied to inmates. This report is in response to that request and addresses each area below.

Training Participants

The Sheriff's Office conducts ongoing courses for all sworn staff for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), which includes an instructional component on AEDs, including operational training.

There is an ample number of First Responders available in the jail facilities since all sworn personnel and Registered Nurses are required to maintain certification in CPR/First Aid. County personnel also receive training how to properly provide life-saving responses in emergency situations. While it is appreciated when inmates are willing to assist, the responsibility for the medical care of inmates within a County facility is assigned to trained County personnel. Training will **not** be provided to inmates for the following reasons:

- Inmates will not have access to the AED devices due to security concerns.

- The inmate population is fluid and trying to keep up with training would be extremely difficult.
- Deputies cannot maintain inmate training records to ensure inmates are trained in CPR/First Aid.

Timeline

As noted in the last, "[Quarterly Report on Training for Public Safety Staff](#)" at the February 7, 2019 Public Safety and Justice Committee (PSJC) meeting, CPR/First Aid training for all sworn custody staff was completed by December 2018 and will be on-going every two years starting in 2019.

All sworn enforcement bureau personnel complete eight-hours of CPR/First Aid training every other year. All sworn custody bureau staff complete four-hours of CPR/AED training annually, and Basic First Aid every three years. The current curriculum for both bureaus includes AED specific training to ensure all sworn staff is continuously educated in the operational usage of the device.

The new AEDs that were approved by the Board at their December 18, 2018 meeting have been ordered and will be ready for installation by April 2019.

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