



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.