

MEMORANDUM

TO: OFFICERS TANKERSLEY, HARRISON, MARSH ✓
FROM: CHIEF M. J. KELLY
SUBJECT: USE OF MEDIC EQUIPMENT
DATE: DECEMBER 29, 1988

Gentlemen,

I've read your reports regarding your stopping of a DWI suspect on December 25th with Medic One as you were returning from the hospital. I've also reflected on your strong feelings in support of your action and that you expressed to me personally.

I do not question your motives nor your intentions here. I do not argue that there will never be a situation where rescue or fire equipment might be used for police purposes.

I do insist, however, that emergency medical equipment not generally be used for such direct police action. In this particular case, it is my view that you began to take on unacceptable risks in trying to apprehend this fellow; direct risks to yourselves and indirect risks to the community by using equipment in a way that is outside our standard mode of operations.

While you may disagree with my assessment of the circumstances I want it made clear that should a duplicate situation occur that I would expect you to choose other alternatives as we discussed in our meeting. I do not expect, in duplicate circumstances, any repeat performances.

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cc: Capt. Edwards
Lt. Lockett
Lt. Thompson