

# LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

## Standard Operating Guideline

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### I. PURPOSE:

To provide prompt and efficient emergency medical treatment to the residences of Leon County during times of personal medical emergencies.

### II. GENERAL GUIDELINE:

To assist emergency medical workers when responding to and treating individuals during home medical emergencies. The Vial of LIFE contains much of the medical history of an individual needed by the responding emergency medical personnel, such as existing medical conditions, allergies, medication currently being taken, and emergency contact information.

### III. PROCEDURE:

When there is a medical emergency in home, EMS personnel will look on the refrigerator door for a Vial of LIFE magnet and baggie. Upon seeing this magnet on the refrigerator door, the members will retrieve the completed information from the baggie. This information will assist responding emergency medical personnel with previous medical history, medications and other related information that may be used in the treatment of the patient. The kit consists of an information form, baggie and magnet.

Citizen:

1. Complete a Vial of LIFE form. Include the date that the form was completed (this will help emergency personnel know how recent is the medical information.). It may be beneficial to attach a recent photograph of yourself to the form as a means for positive identification.
2. After completing the forms, fold them and place them in the baggie.
3. If you don't know the answer to a question on the form, contact your doctor or pharmacist for the correct information or leave the section blank.
4. Attach the Vial of LIFE magnet and baggie to the top portion of your refrigerator door to alert emergency personnel to the presence of Vial of LIFE information.

EMS Personnel (use of):

1. Upon arrival to residence, look on the refrigerator for a Vial of Life magnet and baggie.
2. Record the pertinent information and return the information sheet to baggie placing it back on the refrigerator.
3. Advise Public Education Captain when you have used this program.

EMS Personnel (distribution of):

Vial of Life kits can be obtained by:

- Leon County Emergency Medical Services website ([www.leoncountyfl.gov/lcems](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/lcems))
- Leon County EMS Headquarters (1800-2 N. Blair Stone Rd.)
- EMS personnel stationed at fire stations located in Chaires, Woodville, and Ft Braden, or from any EMS personnel assigned to any of the ambulances located throughout the City of Tallahassee and Leon County