

## CFDA FIRST AID VOLUNTEERS AND MATCH DIRECTOR'S & RANGE MASTER'S GUIDELINES

Any CFDA member with past or present First Aid and CPR Training and/or Certificates with advanced training such as (example: Paramedic/EMT, Medical, Military, or Law enforcement) past or present may volunteer at a CFDA event, with the following understanding:

- A. Anyone who volunteers to do this at an event is NOT covered for their services under any insurance provided by CFDA.
- B. Instead, they are acting under the laws of **The Good Samaritan Law** for the state in which they are volunteering in, and are required to understand and abide by these laws at all times. ***(These laws do change from state to state).***
- C. **The main rule of Good Samaritan is:** You must act in good faith and without compensation or perform outside of your level of your past or present training level & abilities for the you to be covered against any "Civil Prosecution" for the service you provide.
- D. Gross negligence and willful medical misconduct are both felonies and not covered by the good Samaritan Law nor is CFDA responsible for your services or actions taken under this law.
- E. While the *Good Samaritan Law* encourages immediate assistance it DOES NOT MANDATE intervention and only provides protection against Civil Prosecution: NOT Criminal prosecution.
- F. If a CFDA First Aid Responder is on the firing line with a loaded firearm; and a request for **(non-critical) First Aid** is announced over a public address system or by any other means; **do not leave the range until you have finished and cleared your gun.** Let other Volunteers not on the line respond to the call, but as soon as practicable check that the call was responded to.
- G. If a CFDA First Aid Responder is on the firing line with a loaded firearm; and a request for **(critical) First Aid**, such as, **"Person Down"** is announced over a public address system or by any other means; **immediately notify the Range Master that you must respond to the call and "hand off the loaded firearm pointed safely downrange" to the Range Master, then proceed to the emergency.**
- H. The Range Master shall determine the best course of action on how to handle the loaded firearm. The remaining Shooter will stand-by and follow the commands of the Range Master. The Responder should return to the range as soon as practicable to resume the match as directed by the Range Master.
- I. Anyone may assist a Responder when needed, so long as they also act in good faith and without compensation. The directions of a Responder should be followed. Providing assistance is covered by The Good Samaritan Law. Anyone may also decline providing assistance without question.
- J. The Match Director should also respond to the location of a **"Person Down"** announcement.

### **CRITICAL MEDIAL EMERGENCIES - CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**1-PERSON DOWN AND IS UNCONSCIOUS**

**2-EXCESSIVE BLEEDING**

**3-POSSIBLE BROKEN BONES**

**4-HEART ATTACK**

**5-SEVERE MEDICAL REACTIONS**

***(For the above, provide stabilizing medical care until Emergency Services arrive.)***

### **EVALUATE AND DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING:**

- a. If the Person is conscious, ask the Person if they are requesting Emergency Services. If they say yes or their immediate family member is requesting Emergency Services, call 911.
- b. Should the Person decline Emergency Services assist the Person in any way possible, to the best of your ability.
- c. If the Person is a Minor, call immediately for a family member or guardian to make the decision if Emergency Services is requested.

### **GOAL**

The goal of these procedures is to keep the event rolling as much as possible during a First Aid "Person Down" response. Let's always place a life over a competition...

### **OTHER FIRST AID RESPONDERS' GUIDELINES:**

1. At the site of a response, only 1 or 2 family members and the Responders should be within 10 feet of the Person Requiring for response treatment.
2. If the Person Requiring Aid is a Registered Shooter is deemed unsafe to return to the line, the Match Director will be notified to make a final decision based on the Responder's evaluation.
3. To be a First Aid Responder at a CFDA event, you will need to maintain a response bag/kit that fits your ability/training to render aid.
4. A First Aid Responder should always keep their response bag/kit in a location for quick response.

### **MATCH DIRECTOR AND RANGE MASTER GUIDELINES:**

1. CFDA recommends a Volunteer CFDA First Aid Responder Sign-Up Sheet be made available at Shooter's Check-in tables before all CFDA events, for those wishing to offer their services as a Volunteer CFDA First Aid Responder. The Match Director should then review the Sign-Up Sheet and ask for a conference of the Volunteers to determine the level of training of each Volunteer (Examples: CPR-First Aid Training and/or Certification, Paramedic, EMT, Nurse, Military, Police, MD, etc.) chose and provide them with a CFDA First Aid & Medical Response Team I.D, which must be returned after the event.
2. At the Shooter's Meeting the Match Director should call all Volunteer CFDA First Aid Responders forward to be recognized.
3. Volunteers with **the most advanced training** are the ones who will advise the Match Director of a Registered Shooter's ability to return to the firing line.
4. CFDA First Aid Responders have the authority to appoint volunteers to help maintain an "Area of the Response Site" (Example, only 2 family members and 10 feet from the Person Requiring Aid)
5. Make sure that public address systems are available at all ranges to announce a call for **First Aid Responders and/or Person Down** and specify the location of the emergency.
6. The Host Club should have a First Aid Kit on site and should make its location known and available to a First Aid Responders, if needed.
7. Match Directors should make sure that all Range Masters are aware of the First Aid Responder Policies and how to handle "**Person Down**" procedures as listed above and Announce Advanced Medical Members.

### **CFDA First Aid/Medical Response ID Badges**

1. The Match Director will hand out the ID Badges during the safety meeting at any sanctioned match. It is recommended that there be at least 1 Volunteer First Aid Responder. The number of Volunteer First Aid Responders for any given match will be determined by the Match Director and by the number of volunteers available. An announcement should be made at the end of the match to return all ID Badges. Failure to return the First Aid/Medical Response ID badge is frowned upon as they are property of CFDA.
2. The ID Badges should be clipped to an area visible to others for quick and easy identification of the individual being a volunteer First Aid Responder. Examples: Shirt Collar, Sleeve, or Vest, to be visible to a Ranger Master when the volunteer is on the line.
3. It is recommended that the Match Director also provide any Volunteer First Aid responder with the exact address and/or location of the match/competition event. This is in case emergency services (911) are called and the address/exact location is required.

### **Acknowledgement**

**CFDA dedicates, acknowledges and thanks our following members for making this program possible.**

**Shirley Miller a.k.a. Wench (L58)** - A retired **RN Medical Professional**, who for many years offered her assistance as a First Aid Responder at CFDA events helping hundreds of fellow shooters. She also was the first to bring CFDA's attention for the need for this program by submitting it as a Marshal's Muster Agenda Item.

**Terry Tate a.k.a. Bigfoot (L3037), Richard Kennedy a.k.a. Otto Matic (L3054), and Daisy Tate a.k.a. Dazzlin' Daisy (L3038)** Who worked together to research and author this program, then obtained the Volunteer First Aid Responder ID Badges. **Bigfoot and Dazzlin' Daisy** are both retired **Law Enforcement**, with **Bigfoot** serving as a **Medical Trauma Responder**. While **Otto Matic** is a retired **Firefighter Paramedic**.

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**Note: We invite those with advanced medical training i.e. Paramedic, EMT, Nurse, Military, Police, MD, to apply to Bigfoot for permanent Volunteer CFDA Response Team ID Badges and listed on the CFDA Website.**

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