



SPECIAL ORDER



502.7

SERIES

81

NUMBER

24

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 14, 1981

SUBJECT:

Medic Alert System and Medical Data Banc Identification

DISTRIBUTION

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ORIGINATING UNIT

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EXPIRATION DATE

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Many sick or injured individuals who come to the attention of members of this department have medical problems which have been identified by a medical alert decal, necklace, bracelet or wallet card.

I. General

The Medic Alert System is designed to provide medical and personal information to members of this department and other emergency personnel regarding sick or injured persons with specific health problems. An individual may have in his/her possession an identification bracelet, necklace, or the Medic Alert System wallet card. These items identify diabetics, epileptics and persons with severe drug allergies.

The Medical Data Banc CARD identifies diabetics, epileptics, heart patients, and those with severe drug allergies. Inserted in the upper right corner of the card is a microfilm chip containing detailed medical history and proper authorization. A second chip contains the individual's EKG. Also printed on the card is a 24 hour, seven days a week, toll free number to the Medical Data Banc. This service would enable an operator to relay all necessary medical information within a matter of seconds. There are also two sizes of alert decals. The smaller decal is usually placed on a wallet or purse. The larger decals may be placed on automobiles and other motorized vehicles, or on the doors and windows of homes.

II. Procedures

When members are questioning individuals who are in need of medical attention, including intoxicated persons, they shall ascertain if the individual has any Medic Alert or Medical Data Banc identification. If it is necessary for a member of the department to search an individual requiring medical treatment, efforts should be made to locate medical alert identification.

Information pertaining to Medical Alert identification should be noted in the narrative when preparing departmental reports, (e.g., wearing Medic Alert bracelet, or Medical Data Banc Card turned over to the Fire Department Ambulance #1 J.J. Jones).

*This Special Order shall remain in effect until incorporated into General Order 502.7.

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