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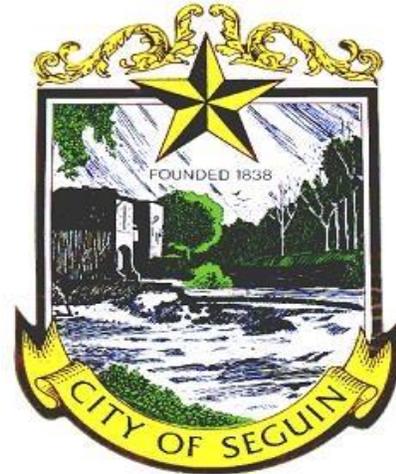
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## **Seguin Police Receive Special Medical Training** ***Course Offers Life-Saving Skills***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Seguin police officers are now better trained and equipped to administer potentially life-saving medical treatment to each other. On Wednesday, officers received eight hours of Law Enforcement and First Response Tactical Care training.

"This training is extremely valuable and potentially life-saving," Seguin Police Chief Kevin Kelso said. "If an officer is seriously injured at an active tactical scene, valuable time could pass before EMS can safely enter the area. Our officers now have the basic training needed to quickly administer medical aid to each other while waiting for EMS."

Schertz EMS provided the instruction. Upon completion of the course participants will:

- Understand the rationale for immediate steps for hemorrhage control (including external hemorrhage control, direct pressure and wound packing, early use of tourniquet for severe hemorrhage, internal hemorrhage control by rapid evacuation, and transportation to major hospital/trauma center.
- Demonstrate the appropriate application of a tourniquet to the arm and leg.
- Describe the progressive strategy for controlling hemorrhage.
- Describe appropriate airway control techniques and devices.
- Demonstrate the correct application of a topical hemostatic dressing (combat gauze).
- Recognize the tactically relevant indicators of shock.

\*List provided by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

The Seguin Police Department now has 50 medical kits needed to utilize their new skills. Each police vehicle will be equipped with a kit. A 100 Club donation of \$1043 allowed PD to buy nine of the fifty kits.

The Seguin Police Department would like to thank Schertz EMS for providing the training.



### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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