



Medical Emergency Protocols



Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) Duties and Responsibilities:

- A. One (1) MERT member will be on-duty each Sunday, based on a rotational monthly schedule established by the MERT lead.
- B. The on-duty MERT member will respond to any request for medical assistance. This may come from a Safety Team member, Usher, Greeter or individual in or outside the church building.
- C. During medical emergencies in which an MERT member has responded, **Safety Team** members will take direction from the MERT member related to medical issues and needs to include bringing first aid kit, stop the bleed kit and/or AED to the location of the medical emergency.
- D. The **Safety Team** will call 911 as directed by the MERT member.
- E. In the event of a medical response a **Safety Team** member will notify the pastoral staff as soon as possible.
- F. A **Safety Team** member will meet any emergency vehicles and direct them to the location of the medical emergency.
- G. There are two designated first aid kits, stop the bleed kits and trauma kits:
 1. One located on the upper floor lobby area cabinet closest to the admin office.
 2. The second one located in the kitchen in a cabinet behind the door.
- H. The MERT lead will ensure that it is appropriately stocked with medical/first-aid equipment and supplies on a periodic basis. And resupplied after any incident and use of the first aid supplies.
- I. After the medical emergency the MERT member involved, the MERT Team lead and members of the **Safety Team** present during the medical emergency will review details of the incident/medical emergency to determine what went well and what needs to be improved. This review will be documented and maintained by the MERT lead. The MERT lead will update any protocols and procedures as needed.

MERT Volunteer Requirements

1. Complete a MERT volunteer application and background check.
2. Must have the following training before being recognized as a MERT member:
 - a. First Aid and CPR certified.
 - b. AED certified.
 - c. Stop the Bleed course.
 - d. Other training as required by the MERT lead.
3. Be available at least once per month as a MERT member sitting in the MERT 'reserved chair' in the Sanctuary during a Sunday service.
4. Maintain the minimum designated certifications as a MERT member.

**Retired and current EMTs, nurses or doctors
are highly encouraged to join MERT.**