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**Policy Name:** Medical Emergencies Response on Campus

**Policy Number:** None

**Functional Area(s) Responsible:** Administration & Finance

**Owner(s) of Policy:** Campus Police; Student Health Services

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### **Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Finger Lakes Community College that Campus Police personnel immediately respond to, assess, and coordinate the response of local emergency services to the scene of all medical emergencies occurring on the Main Campus in Canandaigua NY. Finger Lakes Community College employees will immediately seek local emergency services for medical emergencies occurring at our extension centers.

### **Reason(s) for Policy:**

This policy is intended to ensure a rapid and effective response to any person on Finger Lakes Community College property in need of medical assistance or treatment, and to coordinate the response of emergency medical services to the location of the incident.

### **Applicability of Policy:**

All college employees and students, should be familiar with this policy.

### **Definitions:**

Medical Emergency- The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) defines a medical emergency as “Any health or injury situation that threatens life or limb in such a manner that immediate medical care is needed to prevent death or serious impairment of health. A medical emergency includes severe pain, bad injury, a serious illness, or a medical condition that is quickly getting much worse.”

Examples of medical emergencies requiring a call to 9-1-1 immediately:

- Severe difficulty breathing, especially that does not improve with rest.
- Chest Pain
- A fast heartbeat (more than 120-150) at rest especially if associated with shortness of breath or feeling faint
- You witness someone faint/pass out or someone is unresponsive (comatose)
- Difficulty speaking, numbness, or weakness of any part of the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or mental changes (confusion, very odd behavior, difficulty walking)
- Sudden blindness or vision changes
- Heavy bleeding from your mouth, nose, vagina or bottom
- Bleeding from any wound that won't stop with direct pressure
- Broken bones visible through an open wound, or a broken leg
- Drowning
- Choking
- Severe Burns

- Allergic reaction, especially if there is any difficulty breathing
- Extremely hot or cold
- Poisoning or drug overdose
- New severe headache
- Sudden intense severe pain
- Anyone threatening to hurt or kill themselves or someone else

**Related Documents:**

None

**Procedures:**

None

**Forms/Online Processes:**

None

**Appendix:**

None