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Erie County Health Department Equips Area Law Enforcement Offices with Trauma Bags

Sandusky, OH, August 19, 2026 – The Erie County Health Department (ECHD) today announced the successful delivery of advanced .511 trauma bags to area law enforcement offices in Erie County. These are trauma response bags designed to immediately provide essential care supplies for emergency situations involving severe accidents, injuries, or casualties.

The initiative, led by the EHCD, has provided 297 specialized kits primed to address severe bleeds and other critical injuries free of charge to area law enforcement offices. These trauma bags are high-quality, vital resources in the face of emergencies.

“Providing these .511 trauma bags ensures our local emergency personnel have immediate access to durable, life-saving supplies right when they need them most,” said Irina Buga, Public Health Educator and Project Coordinator for ECHD’s First Responder grant program.

“Equipping our emergency personnel with top-tier equipment is a direct investment in the safety and resilience of our entire community.”

Bags will be provided to Sandusky Police Department, Perkins Township Police, Erie County Sheriff’s Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Bellevue Police Department, Huron Police Department, and more. Each bag includes trauma dressings, glucose, antiseptic agents, gauze, masks, breathing apparatus, bandages, stethoscope, and much more.

“In a critical incident, having the right gear readily accessible can make all the difference,” said Peter Schade, Erie County Health Commissioner. “This distribution allows us to directly support our local first responders with reliable, high-quality .511 trauma bags, so that they can deliver rapid, effective care in the field.”

The distribution was made possible through grant funding secured by the ECHD via the federal CARA/First Responders Grant Program. This effective strategy is just a single example of the strong health and safety services the Erie County Health Department provides to local law enforcement, continually chasing ways to strengthen the safety and well-being beyond standard public health services.

About the Erie County Health Department

The Erie County Health Department’s mission is to promote and improve the health and safety of the communities and environment within Erie County, while preventing disease through essential public health services. ECHD operates the Erie County Community Health Center, the Erie Community Pharmacy, the Erie County Detox, Kaptur Rogowski House, and Compass



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