



Monroe County Legislature

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To The Honorable
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RE: Requesting a Report from Monroe County Administration for Deployment of Bleed Control Kits in County Owned and Operated Facilities

Honorable Legislators:

Monroe County has long been a leader in the area of emergency preparedness. Yet, the County must remain at the forefront on the issue to better protect the community. While innovation and technology is driving much of the changes in emergency preparedness, sometimes simplicity and intuitiveness are needed most.

Sadly, public buildings are often targets for those seeking to inflict violence or commit acts of terrorism. While law enforcement does an exceptional job preventing these acts, Monroe County must always be prepared to face new and evolving threats. Bleed Control Kits are an excellent example of a simplistic and intuitive product that could save lives in the event of an emergency. These kits are designed to provide users with immediate access to products intended to stop traumatic hemorrhaging. They often include tourniquets, trauma shears, gauze dressings, bandages, and latex gloves. All bleed kits include detailed, easy-to-follow instructions for untrained users.

Bleeding poses one of the greatest risks during acts of mass violence or terrorism. Studies show uncontrolled bleeding can be fatal if untreated within five to ten minutes of the initial trauma. In many instances, fellow citizens or employees are the first line of treatment for traumatic injuries. But without the tools necessary, they are ill-equipped and ill-prepared to administer potentially life-saving care.

Monroe County operates in many different types of facilities – each of posing different risks and challenges. Traditionally, the number of Bleed Control Kits needed for each facility is determined based on size of building, accessibility to the public, and frequency of visitors. With so many variables in existence, this Honorable Body must first have accurate and detailed information to better make policy advisements of the deployment of Bleed Control kits in Monroe County owned and operated facilities.

Therefore, I propose that this Honorable Body request a report from the Administration containing recommendations for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits in County owned and operated facilities. In requesting this report, this Honorable Body asks that the "3 Minute Rule" be followed – meaning a Bleed Control Kit should be accessible to all users in a distance that would take three minutes or less to retrieve by foot. Additionally, this report should include estimated costs, potential revenue sources, timeline for deployment, and proposed revisions to any applicable Incident Response Plans.

The specific legislative action required is:

1. Request a report from the Administration on the deployment of Bleed Control kits in County owned and operated facilities:
 - a. The report shall adhere to the "3-Minute Rule".
 - b. The report shall include estimated costs, potential revenue sources, timeline for deployment.
 - c. The report shall include proposed revisions to any applicable Incident Response Plans.
 - d. The report shall be issued to the Legislature within six (6) month of the effective date of the corresponding resolution.

This proposal will have no associated cost and no impact upon the expenditures and revenues of the Monroe County Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,


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