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### **BPD Trauma Shooting Kits**

The Birmingham Police Department announces that all officers will be issued Law Enforcement Trauma Shooting Kits. Law Enforcement Trauma Shooting Kits are supplied with emergency items such as sterile gauze pads, multi-trauma bandages and additional essential first aid items needed to render first aid. The trauma kits will provide the basic items needed to allow officers to administer first aid to critically injured persons while waiting for additional medical assistance from responding paramedics. Understanding that medical response time is a critical issue for the survival of an injured person, Chief Patrick Smith wanted to make sure that the officers of the Birmingham Police Department were equipped to assist in providing first aid to help preserve the life of the critically injured.

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