

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
First Aid and Life Saving Service
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FIRST AID - ORGANIZATION AND COURSES.

First Aid as taught by the American Red Cross is prompt and efficient emergency care of the injured before the arrival of a physician and includes (a) control of bleeding, (b) artificial respiration, (c) handling and transportation, (d) prevention of infection, (e) relieving pain, (f) accident prevention.

The purpose of First Aid training is to provide those receiving instruction with the knowledge and skill needed for the proper immediate care of the injured pending medical care and attention. First Aid training is designed to reach community groups generally-the industries, the schools, youth organizations, police and firemen, the homes. It has as its service objectives (a) the relieving of suffering and the reduction of the loss of life from accidental injuries and (b) the general promotion of safety and security through the prevention of accidents.

ORGANIZATION

While in small Chapters sometimes both First Aid and Life Saving are combined under one Committee, it has become increasingly apparent that separate Committees are more effective. The following outline on the organization, composition and duties of a Chapter First Aid Committee is in no sense meant to be inflexible; rather it is suggestive material to be applied as local conditions appear to warrant.

THE FIRST AID COMMITTEE

Purpose: To promote a First Aid Program in the Chapter consistent with the needs of the community.

Composition: The committee shall consist of (1) a Chairman who is made a member of the executive committee; (2) a medical adviser; (3) from one to five others as required.

QUALIFICATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. The chairman; (a) should be community leader and thoroughly interested in First Aid; (b) should be good promotion and publicity man; (c) should be good organizer; (d) must have time for duties; (e) may or may not be a medical man.

2. The medical adviser; a medical doctor who is a member of the medical society in good standing, and possibly recommended by medical society to serve in this capacity. May be selected for outstanding work in field of First Aid. The medical adviser should be the official contact with the county medical society on matters pertaining to the First Aid program of the Chapter.

3. Other members; may be selected from Industries, Safety Council, Telephone Groups, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Fire and Police Departments, Youth Organization Leaders, Automobile Clubs, and other interested groups, not so much to represent them as such but for the sake of the relationship involved.