

# Governor Signs Bill for Trauma Kits and Tourniquet Use

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Police Officer Carrying Tourniquets

**Governor Susana Martinez signed House Bill 9, ensuring officers have access to training and materials for Trauma Kits and Tourniquets.**

(Newswire.net -- April 20, 2017) Woodbridge, Virginia -- A recent bill was passed in New Mexico that will ensure all law enforcement officers are provided with tourniquets and trauma kits. Governor Susana Martinez signed House Bill 9 into law, adding onto the Law Enforcement Training Act, will ensure the training and materials needed by law enforcement officers to prevent excessive bleeding and to respond to trauma situations.



"Today is a great day for our statewide law enforcement officers and New Mexico's communities," said Rep. Patricio Ruiloba (D-Albuquerque), who sponsored the bill. "Law enforcement officials are the guardians of our community and this equipment and training will save lives across the state. I would like to thank the Bernalillo County Sheriff Office's Deputy Robin Hopkins and the Valencia County Undersheriff Mark Shea for their willingness to bring this important issue to the legislature, and my colleagues, who supported it with strong bipartisan support in both chambers." "Public safety and the safety of our law enforcement officers are a top priority for House Democrats," House Speaker Brian Egolf (D-Santa Fe) said. "What we have accomplished today by providing law enforcement officers with life-saving tourniquets and training will help safeguard the lives of our law enforcement officers, who place their lives in danger every day for the safety and well-being of our communities." "It is important for people from all walks of life, not just law enforcement officers and medical professionals, to obtain advanced first aid knowledge and skills. Should an accident occur, it is vital to be able to treat it right away, until professional help arrives, particularly in the case of severe bleeding. In an instance of excessive bleeding, knowing how to properly use a tourniquet can truly save the victim's life. The Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>) offers tourniquet application training, in addition to many types of first aid and CPR training classes. When booking a first aid course, ensure it is offered through the Red Cross, or a Red Cross approved affiliate, as they will offer the most up-to-date methods and information. Searching for a reliable and strong tourniquet can be hard. Fortunately, there are many options available online, such as the #1 New Release Tourniquet on Amazon, the Surviveware Combat Application Tourniquet. Surviveware also created the #1 rated Compact First Aid Kit on Amazon.



Many purchasers of the Tourniquet are members of the armed forces, who compare the Surviveware CAT favorably to the one issued by the military. According to one military reviewer, "I compared it to the one I use in my army issued kit. Here is my feedback compared to what I currently use:

1. This one has slightly larger grooves for snatching up the tension rod. I do like the larger grooves and it let me snap the rod into place easier.
2. This one has a red end where my issued one has a black end. It's easier to locate the end due to the color.
3. This one has a white cloth that velcros the tension rod in place. It also has the word time on it. You are supposed to put the time of the tourniquet on the patient as you can't have a tourniquet on for a long period of time.

Overall, I would say it's a good product and those three improvements I noticed make this a good upgrade to my issued tourniquet."

As more and more cities and states mandate the training and provision of tourniquets, the knowledge of its uses and applications will become more familiar to the general public, after half a century out of the limelight.

For more information on Surviveware's Products, visit their website at [www.surviveware.com](http://www.surviveware.com).

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