

# TRAUMA CARDIAC ARREST



## UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Ventilate patient with BVM and supplemental oxygen



- Do not delay initiation of CPR
- Follow current CPR guidelines
- Place patient in full spinal precautions
- Avoid hyperextension of the neck
- Control obvious hemorrhage
- Initiate rapid transport

### Special Considerations

- AED is not to be applied unless there are indications that the cardiac arrest preceded the traumatic event
- Refer to Policy 116 for consideration of withholding/terminating resuscitation efforts