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I have updates the handcuffing policy. Everyone needs to read and sign that they understand. There is no reason that a defendant is able to escape from this department. Chief

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Sgt. Bolster SB
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Officer Miller BM
Officer Preve PP
Officer Martin WM
Officer Andre WA
Officer Hebert NBH
Officer Young Y
Officer Arcadi AA
Officer Pecore PP



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HANDCUFFING		
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Department Policy on Handcuffing

Introduction:

The inherently dangerous nature of arrest and detention of offenders becomes much more prevalent when the offender is taken into physical custody. This is the time when the reality of the situation becomes most apparent to the offender and the safety risk level for the Officer rises. It is for this reason that this policy has been developed.

Handcuffs, hand irons, wrist restraints, and flex cuffs all refer to the same type of restraint device. Simply put they are any device used to restrict the movement of a violator's hands.

Department Policy:

1. Only those handcuffs approved by the Chief of Police will be used for duty.
2. Whenever possible the offender should be handcuffed prior to being searched or patted down.
3. The offender should be handcuffed with the hands behind their back.
4. The offender will be handcuffed and searched prior to being placed in the patrol vehicle.
5. The offender will be handcuffed prior to being transported.
6. The handcuffs will be double locked.
7. At the station the offender will be handcuffed to the wall in the processing room.

8. Handcuffs will be kept on at all times during processing when an offender has displayed violence towards the Officer, and only removed at the direction of the Sergeant or Chief of Police. If the defendant wants to use the bathroom, leg shackles will be used.
9. Offender's charged with violent crimes will remain handcuffed at all times during the processing.
10. A transport belt will be used for arraignments. By doing this you will not have to take the handcuffs off the defendant in court for them to sign paperwork. Leg shackles should also be used if necessary.
11. It shall be the responsibility of the Officer to insure that the handcuffs have been applied properly.
12. It shall be the responsibility of each individual Officer to inspect his/her handcuffs to ensure they are working properly.

You must keep in mind that the handcuffs are a temporary restraining device that can be easily circumvented or removed and therefore the Officers responsibility to insure that they are continually checked while and offender is in custody. The use of handcuffs are for safety purposes and when there is a safety concern, handcuffs should be used.



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High Speed Pursuit Driving:

All Officers should understand that pursuit driving at high speeds is inherently dangerous to you, to the occupants of the pursuit vehicles and to others. It can result in a serious accident causing injuries, death, and the destruction of property. A reckless disregard for the safety of others may subject you, as the pursuit driver, to criminal charges or a civil damaged lawsuit.

In deciding whether to pursuit a vehicle, you must use good judgment and carefully consider the following factors in evaluating whether the risks of pursuit are warranted.

1. Availability of alternate means to stop a vehicle or apprehend a suspect(s)
 - a. You may have sufficient information to secure an arrest warrant for later execution.
2. The safety of other motorists and pedestrians.
3. The nature of the offense.
 - a. A traffic infraction does not justify the risk of a high speed pursuit.
 - b. If an occupant of the fleeing vehicle is known to be wanted for a felony or serious misdemeanor, high speed pursuit driving **MAY** be justified.
4. The road and weather conditions.
5. The traffic conditions.
6. The time of day.
7. The kind of vehicle involved.
8. You knowledge of the area.

9. The population density of the area.

Except in an extreme emergency, **DO NOT** pursue a vehicle when you are transporting passengers or prisoners.

When you decide to pursue a vehicle, conduct the following:

1. Use **ALL** emergency lights, and siren.
2. Attempt to obtain a physical description of the driver and the vehicle.
3. Obtain permission for the on duty Supervisor to engage in pursuit.
4. Notify the desk Officer of the pursuit and keep him informed of your location, direction of travel, and all other pertinent information.

During the pursuit:

1. Attempt to keep the vehicle in sight.
2. Continually reevaluate the risks of continuing the pursuit.
 - a. If at some point you consider the risk to be unacceptable, **TERMINATE THE PURSUIT.**
3. Unless it is absolutely necessary, **AVOID** physical contact with the pursuit vehicle.
4. **DO NOT** fire a weapon from or at a moving vehicle unless the occupants of the other vehicle are using deadly physical force against you or another person.
5. Be alert to the possibility that the driver may deliberately abandon his vehicle in your path or attempt to run you off the road.
6. Do not drive your patrol vehicle under full acceleration for long periods without periodically releasing the accelerator.

Desk Officer:

1. Discontinue other non-emergency activities, and assist the Officer(s) pursuing the vehicle.
2. Immediately notify an on duty Supervisor so that he can authorize the continuance or terminate the pursuit.

Supervisor:

1. Monitor the pursuit situation.
2. If you consider continued pursuit to be necessary and justified, limit the number of patrol vehicles assisting in the pursuit operation to avoid heightening the risk.
3. If you consider that the situation and circumstances do not warrant continued pursuit, **ORDER** the Officer(s) to terminate it.
4. Before the end of your tour, Supervisor must submit a full detailed report of the pursuit. Report must include, but not limited to, the offense committed, details and location of the pursuit, justification to continue and the end results of the pursuit. Report will be submitted to the Chief of Police or Senior Sergeant if the Chief is not available.

If pursuit is discontinued, stop, go to a safe location and get out of your car and walk around.