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Specific Call Procedures for Minors

8-205 Transportation and Car Seats

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- A. When any minor being transported by MPD is both under the age of eight and shorter than four feet nine inches, the minor shall be transported and properly fastened in a child passenger restraint system (car seat) meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards (in accordance with MN Statute section 169.685).
1. When an incident requires transportation in an MPD vehicle (regardless of the destination) of a minor who is both under the age of eight and shorter than four feet nine inches, the member shall notify a supervisor.
 2. The supervisor who receives notification shall arrange for a response to the scene with the appropriate child passenger restraint system (car seat) and a vehicle equipped to safely secure the system according to the manufacturer's instructions.
 3. If the minor is in crisis, members shall follow P&P 7-803.
- B. If an emergency requires transportation of a minor meeting the stated criteria and a child passenger restraint system (car seat) and appropriate vehicle are not available, the minor must be secured using a seat belt.
- C. Any member transporting a minor meeting the stated criteria in an MPD vehicle shall document the transport in a supplement if a Police Report is being made for the incident. If no Police Report will be made, the member shall document the transport in CAD via added remarks to the call. The documentation shall include:
- Where the minor was transported from.
 - Where the minor was transported to.
 - The age and approximate height of the minor.
 - Whether the minor was secured with a child passenger restraint system (car seat) or a seat belt.
 - If the minor met the criteria for a car seat but was secured with a seat belt, what the emergency was that required transportation without the car seat and appropriate vehicle
- D. In accordance with P&P 8-305, members shall ensure they use the “En Route” and “Arrive” buttons on the MDC. If an MDC is not available, members shall use the radio to state that they are transporting a minor along with their initial and final odometer mileage.