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Minor Searches, Seizures and Arrests

8-303 Minor Status Offenses and Citations

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A. Juvenile Diversion

MPD is dedicated to diverting minors away from the criminal justice system whenever possible.

Hennepin County and the MPD Juvenile Investigations Unit work in tandem to determine when a minor will be referred to a juvenile diversion program.

B. Status Offenses and Citations

1. For status offenses such as truancy and curfew, members shall not issue a citation but shall complete a Police Report. For other status offenses including but not limited to underage drinking or traffic related offenses, it is at the discretion of the member to determine if a citation will be issued. If the member decides to issue a citation, they shall complete a Police Report.
2. If the minor is unable to be identified, members may transport the suspect to the Juvenile Investigations Unit or contact the on-call juvenile investigator to receive assistance with the identification.
3. For every citation issued to a minor, members shall complete a corresponding Police Report including parent and or guardian contact information, current school, grade, and current contact information for the minor. Also, documentation of whom the minor was released to and the citation number.
4. Sworn members shall make all reasonable attempts to notify a parent, guardian, or custodian when sworn members issue a citation and shall document their notification in a Police Report. If the minor cannot be released to a parent or guardian, they shall be brought to the YCC.

Members shall complete a YCC intake form for any minor's brought to YCC.

C. Truancy

In the event that a member encounters a minor during normal school hours and reasonably believes the student is truant without a lawful excuse (e.g. taking post-secondary courses off

campus, employment, etc.), the member shall make a reasonable attempt to contact a parent, guardian, or school administrator to determine the appropriate course of action, if any.

If no criminal activity or safety risk to the minor seems apparent, the member should coordinate the release of the truant student. If criminal activity or a safety risk is present, then members shall reference P&P 8-305 Transport and Release of Minors.

Members shall document the encounter, the attempts made to contact a parent, guardian or school administrator, and the final course of action in a Police Report.

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