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Adult Citations and Arrests

9-108 **Transportation of Arrestees** (05/29/02) (06/13/14) (07/19/18) (xx/xx/24)

A. Minor and Adult Arrestees

This policy applies to minor and adult arrestees.

B. Felony Arrestees

Two-member squads shall be used to transport felony arrestees, whenever feasible.

C. Misdemeanor Arrestees

One-member squads may transport misdemeanor arrestees.

D. Arrestee and Officer Gender

1. Two-member squads shall be used to transport an arrestee of the opposite gender, whenever feasible.
 - a. Members transporting an arrestee of the opposite gender shall give the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (MECC) their destination and odometer reading.
 - b. Members shall immediately notify MECC of any delay.
 - c. Upon arrival at their destination, members shall notify MECC.
2. Except in exigent circumstances, arrestees of different genders shall not be transported in the same compartment.
3. Transgender and gender non-confirming arrestees shall be transported alone, whenever feasible (P&P 7-3001).

E. Separating Arrestees for Investigative Purposes

Members should transport co-defendants separately, especially prior to any interview by investigators, whenever feasible.

F. Securing Arrestees

Members conducting the transport are responsible for ensuring the safety of their arrestees.

1. Arrestees shall be secured with fastened seatbelts during transport in any vehicle equipped with seat belts.
 - a. If the vehicle is not equipped with functional seat belts in the transportation area, members shall document in their report the lack of seat belts and the reason(s) that particular vehicle was used for the transport.
 - b. If circumstances prevent members from safely securing the arrestee, the arrestee will be transported unsecured. The members must document the specific reason(s) for the unsecured transport in their report.
2. Members conducting the transport shall not stop or interrupt transport responsibilities unless exigent circumstances exist and the risk to the arrestee is minimal.
3. Under no circumstances shall an arrestee be transported in the prone position.

G. Monitoring Arrestees

1. Members conducting the transport shall frequently monitor the arrestee until the custody of the arrestee is transferred to a responsible authority, except in emergency situations. Members conducting the transport shall ensure the arrestee is within sight during transport.
2. Once the arrestee is secured with the squad and during transport, a member shall watch for any of the following signs:
 - Significant change in behavior or level consciousness.
 - Shortness of breath or irregular breathing.
 - Seizures or convulsions.
 - Complaints of serious pain or injury.
 - Any other serious medical problem.
3. If members observe any serious medical issue, they shall immediately provide medical attention and contact EMS, in accordance with P&P 7-350. Members shall also notify a supervisor.

H. Receiving Facility Rules

When transporting arrestees to a detention facility, members shall comply with MPD rules, regulations and requirements until the arrestee is secure within the destination facility. Members will then comply with the rules, regulations and procedures of the receiving facility.

I. Arrestee Escape

In the event of an arrestee escape during transport, the members conducting the transport shall immediately do the following:

1. Notify the dispatcher of the event and location.
2. Attempt pursuit if feasible.
3. Notify a supervisor or proper jurisdictional authority of the escape.
4. Complete the original arrest report, noting the escape from custody.

J. Coordination Through a Supervisor

1. If there are not enough on-scene resources to transport the arrestees (because of gender, separating arrestees, etc.), members shall notify a supervisor. The supervisor shall determine whether the transportation shall wait for additional squads or be completed by the on-scene squads.
2. The members and supervisor shall document the notification, determination (whether transport will wait or be completed by on-scene resources), and reasons for the determination in the Police Report.