

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT: <b><u>Manual Revision – 9-108 9-110 Prisoner Control, Safety and Transportation of Arrestees</u></b>			APPROVED BY:

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**Introduction:** This policy is being updated to specify situations when arrestees should be transported separately, and to make other clarifying changes.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 9-108 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

**9-108**      **9-110 Prisoner Control, Safety and Transportation of Arrestees**  
 (05/29/02) (06/13/14) (07/19/18) (xx/xx/24)

(A-B)

**A. Minor and Adult Arrestees**

This policy applies to minor and adult arrestees.

**B. Felony Arrestees**

~~A. When feasible, a two-member officer squads shall be used to transport a felony arrestees, whenever feasible prisoner.~~

**C. Misdemeanor Arrestees**

~~B. One-member officer squads may transport misdemeanor arrestees prisoners.~~

**D. Arrestee and Officer Gender**

1. C. When feasible, a two-member officer squads shall be used to transport an arrestee of the opposite gender, whenever feasible sex.

a. 1. Officers-Members transporting an arrestee of the opposite gender ~~sex~~ shall give the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center (MECC) their destination and odometer reading.

b. a. Officers-Members shall immediately notify MECC of any delay.

c. b. Upon arrival at their destination, members ~~officers~~ 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**

~~E. Transporting officers~~ Members conducting the transport are responsible for ensuring the safety of their ~~arrestees~~ prisoners.

1. ~~Prisoners~~ 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~~ officers 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~~ officers from safely securing the ~~arrestee~~ prisoner, the ~~arrestee~~ prisoner will be transported unsecured. The ~~members~~ officers must document the specific reason(s) for the unsecured transport in their report.
2. Members conducting the transport ~~Transporting officers~~ shall not stop or interrupt ~~prisoner~~ transport responsibilities unless exigent circumstances exist and the risk to the ~~arrestee~~ prisoner is minimal.
3. Under no circumstances shall an ~~arrestee~~ prisoner be transported in the prone position (P&P 7-350). (06/13/14)

#### **G. Monitoring Arrestees**

1. ~~D. All~~ Members conducting the transport shall frequently monitor the arrestee ~~prisoners shall remain within sight of the transporting officers at all times until the custody of the arrestee~~ prisoner is transferred to a responsible authority, except in emergency situations. Transporting members shall ensure the arrestee is within sight during transport.
2. ~~G. Once the arrestee~~ subject is secured with the squad and during transport, a member ~~an officer shall watch for any of the following signs: (06/13/14)~~
  - Significant change in behavior or level consciousness;
  - Shortness of breath or irregular breathing;
  - Seizures or convulsions;
  - Complaints of serious pain or injury; ~~and/or~~
  - Any other serious medical problem.

3. ~~H.~~ If ~~members~~ ~~officers~~ observe any serious medical issue, they shall immediately provide medical attention and contact EMS, in accordance with P&P 7-350 or transport directly to a local hospital. ~~Members~~ ~~Officers~~ shall also notify a supervisor. (06/13/14)

#### **H. Receiving Facility Rules**

~~F.~~ When transporting ~~arrestees~~ ~~prisoners~~ to a detention facility, ~~members~~ ~~officers~~ shall comply with MPD rules, regulations and requirements until the ~~arrestee~~ ~~prisoner~~ is secure within the destination facility. ~~Members~~ ~~Officers~~ will then comply with the rules, regulations and procedures of the receiving facility. (06/13/14)

#### **I. Arrestee Escape**

~~I.~~ In the event of an ~~arrestee~~ ~~prisoner~~ escape during transport, the members conducting the transport ~~transporting officers~~ shall immediately do the following:

1. Notify the dispatcher of the event and location.
2. Attempt pursuit if feasible ~~possible~~.
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.