

2.5.1 Prisoner Search

I. POLICY

Providing for the safety and security of the officers, prisoners and the general public. To insure the preservation of the rights and safety of those prisoners and to prevent escape. It shall be the policy of the Johnstown Police Department that all officers comply with the provisions of this general order.

II. PURPOSE

The prevention of injury and safety of the officers is the main objective. It is the goal of this department to assure the highest possible standards for the safety and security of the prisoner and the transporting officer.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Prisoner Search

1. Before placing a prisoner in a police vehicle for transportation, the transporting officer will search the prisoner, making sure no weapons or contraband were overlooked. The officer should never assume another officer made a search. Prisoners will be searched each time they come into the transporting officer's custody.
2. A protective search should be conducted by an officer of the same sex as the prisoner. When this is not practical an assisting officer should be present.

Effective Date:

Date: March 15, 2007

By Order Of:

Craig Foust
Chief Of Police