

2.5.7 Transport – Sick/Injured

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. Prisoners of the Opposite Sex

1. Whenever possible an officer of the same sex as the prisoner should be utilized to transport the prisoner. If this is not possible another officer will follow the transport officer. Upon beginning the transportation the officer will advise 9-1-1 of the following:
 - a. Starting location and mileage. [Within 1/10 of a mile whenever possible.]
 - b. Destination
 - c. Upon arrival at the destination the officer will advise 9-1-1 the end mileage [Within 1/10 of a mile whenever possible.] and exact location.
 - d. The dispatcher shall log the mileage, the times and the destinations in their CAD.
2. Out of town transports will be done with two officers; one officer should be the same sex as the prisoner.

B. Handicapped Prisoner

1. When transporting a handicapped prisoner the transporting officer will request assistance when needed in order to assure the transport may be made in a manner that is most convenient and safety for both the prisoner and officer. If special equipment is required for safe transportation, such equipment will be obtained through the appropriate agency or by using the Prisoner Transport Unit.

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2. When the transporting officer has a handicapped person in custody, the officer must use common sense. When the handicap is such that there is no danger of escape or injury to the prisoner or officer, it will be up to the officer's discretion whether to use any type of restraining device.

C. Injured/Sick Prisoner

1. When a prisoner becomes sick or is found to be injured as a result of actions prior to, during, or after arrest, the officer will make arrangements for medical attention immediately. Such medical assistance will be sought as soon as the illness or injury is noted, regardless of what stage has been reached in the arrest procedure.
2. When transporting a sick or injured prisoner, the officer will use his discretion to determine if restraining devices are required or necessary. If there is a threat of injury to the officer, or escape by the prisoner, then restraining devices and procedures must be followed.

D. Transport Prisoner to a Medical Care Facility

1. When a prisoner is transported to a medical facility and admission is required for treatment, the officer will notify his supervisor immediately. The supervisor will make arrangements through the proper agencies to:
 - a. Have the prisoner released from police custody where appropriate.
 - b. Seek advice from the District Attorney or District Judge.
 - c. Have the prisoner held in a secure room if release from police custody is not possible.
 - d. Have personnel available for 24-hour surveillance.

Effective Date:

Date: March 15, 2007

By Order Of:

Craig Foust
Chief Of Police

