



**PERSONS IN POLICE
CUSTODY**

POLICY 1114

**Prisoner Transport &
Searching**

OBJECTIVES

Facilitated discussion to identify the importance of a thorough and effective search.

Members will demonstrate effective pat downs and quadrant pattern searches of a suspect.

Members will identify and explain procedures for searching vehicles before and after transporting a suspect.

Facilitated discussion to explain why an adult and a juvenile offender should not be transported in the same vehicle.

Members will identify and explain protocols for the strip search of a suspect.



SAFETY OF OFFICERS, DETAINEES, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

BEFORE transporting or placing suspects into the wagon, make sure they are properly searched.

(Policy 1114)

MEMBERS will ensure the safety of a detainee when a person is taken into custody at all times



TRANSPORTING PRISONERS

The detainee is **secured** with the provided seat belt or restraining device.

Do NOT transport juveniles in prisoner transport wagons unless they are charged or will be charged with a delinquent act

- Policy 1202

ALL passengers, regardless of age and seat location, shall be restrained by seat belts or other authorized restraining devices.

- Policy 1114

**DUTY TO
PROVIDE
MEDICAL
ATTENTION**



INJURED PRISONER

When there is an obvious injury, complaint of injury, or medical attention is requested by any individual, members shall...

Immediately
render aid
consistent
with his/her
training and
experience



Immediately
notify
Communicatio
ns Unit



Request that a
medic
respond to
the scene or
transport the
individual
directly to the
the nearest
hospital
emergency
room

SEARCHING A PRISONER

Transport officer will search prisoner PRIOR to taking custody from arresting officer

Members shall NOT conduct cross-gender searches unless exigent circumstances exist.

ALL cross-gender searches shall be documented on a 95 and attached to the arrestee's file.
(Policy 1013).



TRANSPORT VEHICLE OPERATOR
RESPONSIBILITIES



Inspect the transport vehicle prior to placing the detainee inside.



Inspect the transport vehicle again after the detainee is removed from the vehicle.



If any contraband and/or CDS are found in the transport vehicle, the transporting officer will recover them.

(Policy 1401, Policy 1402)

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL VEHICLES

1. Turn on BWC (BODY WORN CAMERA)

2. Conduct a function check to ensure the TVC is operating properly.

3. Ensure the ignition is turned on and the TVC is recording whenever a subject is inside of a transport vehicle.

4. "Mark" video data when an individual in custody enters the prisoner holding area of the vehicle.

5. "Mark" video data when an individual in custody exits the prisoner holding area of the vehicle.

6. Transport all individuals as directed by Policy 1114, *Persons In Police Custody*

**OPERATOR
RESPONSIBILITIES
PRIOR TO PLACING
SUSPECT IN
TRANSPORT VEHICLE –
SPECIFICALLY, A
VAN/WAGON**

CASE STUDY: OFFICIAL TRAINING - SEARCHES

[case study redacted due to sensitive material]

CASE STUDY: JUSTICE CENTER SHOOTING

[case study redacted due to sensitive material]

CASE STUDY: GUN IN BACKSEAT

[case study redacted due to sensitive material]

STRIP SEARCHES (POLICY 1013)

Definition: The removal or rearrangement of clothing to permit the visual inspection of any or all skin surfaces including the genital areas, breasts, and buttocks.

STRIP SEARCHES (POLICY 1013)

Requires the approval of a **Lieutenant** or

Must be conducted in **privacy**, preferably preferably in station.

Requires **RAS** or probable cause

Will be conducted by the **fewest** number number of personnel necessary.

STRIP SEARCHES (POLICY 1013)

Officer will explain to subject the reason.

Officer will give the subject opportunity to voluntarily produce the suspected item.

Subject will only be allowed to voluntarily produce the item if item if safety will not be compromised.

Only conducted by members of same gender.

No cross gender witnesses.

STRIP SEARCH (POLICY 1013)

Officers will ask subject if they wish for the search to be recorded on BWC.

Officers will comply with subject's decision.

BWC will be activated immediately following conclusion of the strip search.

FLEX CUFFS

- Flex cuffs are one time use only.
- Only use proper cut shears to remove flex cuffs.
- Do not use knives to loosen or remove flex cuffs.



CONTROL HOLDS

"Chain Twist"
Twist"

Torque applied
to blades of cuff
cuff affecting
wrist

"Accordion
Grip"

Compression
applied to wrist
with hand on
elbow support

"Rear
Wristlock"

Compression
applied to wrist
with torso
support

SPIT SHIELD/ SAFETY GLASSES



COMPLIANCE/ INSPECTION UNIT

Only work-related phone calls can be taken while operating a transport vehicle. Personal calls / texting is prohibited.

Seek the safest and shortest course to your destination

Do not exceed speed limit with prisoner on board.

Stay with your prisoner to monitor, don't leave your prisoner unattended.

When individuals in custody refuse medical treatment, you must request medic. Mark suspect in and out via (TVC)

Be mindful of aggressive or hard braking.

More officers in patrol vehicles are failing audits than officers Wagons.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

AVL- Automatic
Vehicle Location
Location

AXON Records

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Next we will be going out to a Prisoner transport Vehicle/wagon
- We will be walking through the different component's of the Prisoner Transport Vehicle/Wagon
- You will physically take all the steps taught in this lesson and apply them hands on



QUESTIONS?