

## Detainee Transportation

### 903.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the transportation of detainees.

### 903.2 POLICY

Detainees shall be transported to a custodial facility, court or hospital in a safe and secure manner.

Officers transporting a detainee should not respond to calls for service or take police action regarding an on-view incident unless immediate action is necessary to preserve life.

- (a) An officer who takes immediate police action to preserve life shall do so with reasonable consideration of both the benefits from police action and risk to the safety and security of the detainee being transported.

### 903.3 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION

The officer responsible for a detainee shall ensure he/she is supervised and under reasonable control during the initial custody and transportation to a custodial or other required facility.

To ensure the safety of the transporting officer, all detainees shall be searched prior to being placed in the transporting vehicle. Transported detainees shall be physically restrained in accordance with the Handcuffing and Restraints Policy.

Except when not possible or practical, detainees shall be transported in cage-equipped police vehicles and secured in a passenger safety restraint system in the area of the vehicle designed for detainee containment (i.e., rear seat of a patrol car).

Upon completion of transportation, the transporting officers shall search the transportation vehicle to ensure no contraband or evidence has been discarded or secreted therein.

Non-aggressive detainees may be transported by a single officer from the scene of an arrest.

### 903.4 DETAINEES OF THE OPPOSITE SEX

When an officer transports a detainee or suspect of the opposite sex, the officer shall either be accompanied by a second officer or shall provide the Communications Center via radio with the number of the police vehicle and the odometer reading, both before and after the transportation.

### 903.5 COMBATIVE DETAINEES

Combative detainees may be transported in a police vehicle from the scene of an arrest to the BPD Jail by one officer. However, additional officers should follow in convoy or should meet the officer at the sally port to assist with booking.

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#### **903.6 FIT FOR INCARCERATION**

A detainee who has been medically cleared for incarceration may be transported in a police vehicle from a hospital to the BPD Jail or another designated custodial facility. See the Temporary Custody of Adults Policy for restrictions on medications, etc.

#### **903.7 MULTIPLE DETAINEES**

At least two officers shall participate in the transportation of multiple detainees.

- (a) Multiple officers involved in detainee transportation may ride in the same transportation vehicle, or in separate vehicles traveling in convoy, whichever is appropriate to the situation.
- (b) Custodial protocols referenced in the Temporary Custody of Adults Policy regarding detainee classification-based segregation (i.e., males separate from females) shall be followed during transportation.

#### **903.8 LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORTATION**

At least one officer involved in a long-distance transportation, during which a need to stop for a detainee's personal needs may occur, shall be of the same sex as the detainee being transported.

Transporting officers shall afford the detainee the opportunity to tend to personal needs (i.e., restroom breaks), accompanied and effectively supervised by an officer of the same sex.

In event transportation time will exceed eight hours, the detainee shall be provided a meal. Transporting officers shall make reasonable efforts to ensure detainee security and public safety during detainee meal and personal need activities.

#### **903.9 WHEELCHAIR-BOUND DETAINEES**

Physically disabled detainees who use a wheelchair to ambulate should be transported in a disabled-lift equipped vehicle.

- (a) When practical and appropriate, wheelchair-bound detainees should be cited and released in accordance with the Cite and Release Policy, or, when eligible, released from custody pursuant to Penal Code §849(b).
- (b) Employees should not remove a physically disabled person from his/her wheelchair for transport, unless it is necessary for his/her safety.

#### **903.10 MENTALLY DISORDERED OR INJURED DETAINEES**

Mentally disordered detainees shall be transported in accordance with the Crisis Intervention Policy.

If an illness, disability or injury incapacitates the detainee, transportation should be arranged with an ambulance.

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#### **903.11 NON-CAGE VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION**

- (a) When necessary to transport a single detainee in a non-cage equipped common passenger vehicle, two officers shall participate in the following seating arrangement:
  - 1. Driver officer alone in the front seat area;
  - 2. Detainee secured in the right rear passenger seat; and,
  - 3. Passenger officer behind the driver in the left rear passenger seat.
- (b) When necessary to transport two detainees in a non-cage equipped common passenger vehicle, two officers shall participate in the following seating arrangement:
  - 1. Driver officer alone in the front seat area;
  - 2. Detainees secured in the right rear and center rear passenger seats; and,
  - 3. Passenger officer behind the driver in the left rear passenger seat.

#### **903.12 PROHIBITED TRANSPORTATION**

Detainees shall not be transported to special events or activities (e.g., visiting an ill person, attending a funeral, attending the reading of a will, etc.).

#### **903.13 ESCAPE DURING TRANSPORTATION**

If a detainee escapes, or attempts an escape, during transportation within the City limits, the transporting officer shall immediately notify the Communication Center of his/her location and the incident circumstances.

If a detainee escapes, or attempts an escape, during transportation within another jurisdiction, the transporting officer(s) shall immediately notify and request assistance from the police agency where the escape occurred.

- (a) The transporting officer shall notify the Communication Center of his/her location and the incident circumstances as soon as practical.
- (b) The Communication Center shall ensure the Watch Commander, or if absent or unavailable, the senior on-duty patrol sergeant, is advised of the incident.

With due regard to officer safety, the transporting officer(s) shall make reasonable efforts to regain and/or maintain custody of the detainee(s) (Penal Code §§ 835a, 854 and 855).

The transporting officer(s) shall document the escape, or attempted escape, in accordance with established criminal investigation and reporting procedures (Penal Code § 836.6).

#### **903.14 IN CUSTODY SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**

Any serious injury to, or death of, a detainee during transportation shall be handled in accordance with protocols described in the Temporary Custody of Adults Policy.