

Title: 64.1 Transporting and Handcuffing Arrested Subjects

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POLICY:

Personnel of Glens Falls Police Department take all reasonable precautions necessary to protect the lives and promote the safety of the officers, the public, and the person in custody while transporting detainees.

PROCEDURES:

1. Prior to Transport:

1. All detainees are *thoroughly* searched for any weapons or contraband (See policy regarding Searches) prior to transport.
2. The search should be conducted by an officer of the same sex of the detainee, whenever possible.
3. Transporting officers should search each detainee.
4. Transporting officers provide communications with the following information when possible:
 - a. Identity of the detainee, (this information, along with a DOB, should be given so a warrant check can be completed);
 - b. Arrest location and destination of transport; &
 - c. Time and mileage readings before and after transport is complete with female detainees.
5. Assist the detainee into the vehicle for transport.

2. Transport Guidelines:

Detainees are transported in the following manner:

1. **Arrestees should only be transported in vehicles equipped with security screens.** Exceptions require permission of a supervisor, and the assistance of a second officer.
2. The arrestee normally sits in the rear-right seat. When a second officer is required to ride with the detainee, the officer sits behind the driver and the arrestee sits in the rear-right seat. The second officer must secure his weapon prior to transport.
3. Leg restraints are used when detainee’s exhibit violent behavior, the officer believes the detainee has a potential for violent behavior or escape risk.

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4. All detainees are secured in the vehicle by proper use of a seatbelt except in situations where circumstances exist that would otherwise present more danger to the officer or the person being transported.
5. Any wheelchairs, crutches, prosthetic devices, and medication should be transported with, but not in the possession of, the detainee.
6. Transport of detainees for any reason after incarceration, is accomplished by sworn officers or specially trained transportation officers.
7. Detainees may not be left unattended during transport.
8. The transporting officer shall acquire medical attention as soon as reasonably possible for any person exhibiting symptoms that may have a potential to be life threatening including, difficulty breathing, chest pain, severe lethargy, and a head injury. The OIC will be notified when any person in police custody complains or exhibits signs of sickness, illness, injury, or impairment.
9. If the vehicle or any other equipment becomes soiled in any way from a detainee's injury or illness, the vehicle and equipment will be cleaned and decontaminated according to the guidelines in section 3.1 of the Exposure Control Plan as soon as practical.
10. In the event of a detainee escape all information must be immediately reported to the communications center by means of the police radio and the OIC notified immediately.

3. Vehicle inspection:

All vehicles regularly used for detainee transport are inspected at the beginning of each shift as follows:

1. The safety screen is securely in place and undamaged;
2. All windows are intact, and outer door latches in proper working order;
3. Rear seat door handles and window controls should be deactivated;
4. The interior must be thoroughly searched to ensure that no weapons or contraband have been left or hidden within the vehicle. Special emphasis is placed on inspecting under the rear seat and floorboard area;
5. Should any problems with the vehicle be discovered or any contraband or property of any kind is located inside the vehicle, the inspecting officer shall notify the OIC.
6. After each detainee transport, the vehicle is searched again after the detainee has been delivered to the detention facility or other destination.

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