



CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

GENERAL POLICE ORDER



EFFECTIVE DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2021	CHAPTER: 3 - Arrestees	PAGE: 1 of 4	NUMBER: 3.02.01
SUBJECT: ARRESTEE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS			
CHIEF: <i>Calvin D. Williams, Chief</i>			

Substantive changes are italicized

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for members of the Cleveland Division of Police on the expedient and safe care of persons in police custody who require treatment for illness, injury, and/or mental health evaluation.

POLICY: *It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police* that its members shall respond promptly to the medical and mental health needs of arrestees. Once an arrestee is in the custody of the *Cuyahoga County Corrections Center (CCCC)*, the CCCC will provide for an arrestee’s medical and mental health needs.

PROCEDURES:

I. General Guidelines

- A. Members shall not convey any arrestee who they know, or should be reasonably aware, is in need of immediate medical attention.
- B. *Emergency Medical Service.*
 - 1. *EMS may be on scene prior to CDP arrival, or EMS may be requested by Division members to respond for an arrestee.*
 - 2. *Once EMS has made contact with a subject for treatment, the EMS captain has the final authority to require the subject be transported to a hospital.*
 - 3. *If EMS transports an arrestee to the hospital, at least one member shall remain with the arrestee inside the ambulance.*

II. Medical Treatment

- A. Members shall:
 - 1. Transport the arrestee to the nearest hospital for medical treatment.
 - 2. *For violent arrestee, members shall contact Communications Control Section (CCS) while en route to the hospital. CCS shall notify hospital security of the violent arrestee.*
 - 3. Search, handcuff or place the arrestee in other suitable restraints before entering the hospital, and avoid contact with the public if possible.

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4. Report immediately to the registration clerk; the clerk will notify the emergency department staff that the arrestee and officers are present and direct them accordingly.
5. Complete a Referral for Hospital Service Form (C of C 71-100).
 - a. Complete the form in its entirety, by completing the top ADMITTING OFFICER and bottom DISPOSITION portions of the form, ensuring the middle HOSPITAL portion is completed and signed by the attending physician.
 - b. The form shall be completed for arrestees who receive treatment AND for arrestees conveyed to a hospital who refuse treatment.
 - c. *The CCCC will not accept arrestees, following treatment or refusal without a completed hospital form.*

B. At least one officer shall remain with the arrestees at all times except during exam/treatment by hospital staff; during exam/treatment officers shall remain within quick and easy access to the exam/treatment room.

C. Immediately convey an arrestee discharged from the hospital to the CCCC.

1. Return the top copy of the Referral for Hospital Service form to CCCC staff.
2. Return the remaining portion to the district/unit Officer-in-Charge (OIC).
 - a. The OIC shall forward the original via Division mail to the Division of Corrections Project Coordinator at City Hall.
 - b. A copy shall be retained for district/unit files.

II. St. Vincent Charity Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Department

A. Members shall:

1. Respond to the psychiatric emergency department, ring the bell for entry and/or request prior notification by the CCS.
 - a. Officers will be met by hospital security at the psychiatric emergency department entrance.
 - b. Officers shall secure all weapons prior to entering the *locked treatment areas*.
2. Complete the Police Referral for Psychiatric Evaluation form provided by hospital staff.

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- B. At least one officer shall remain with the arrestee at all times until accepted by hospital staff.
- C. *Due to the psychiatric emergency being a locked treatment area, officers shall contact their supervisor to arrange for a hospital guard detail or other instructions.*

III. *Arrestees Refused by CCCC*

A. *Members shall:*

1. *Comply with CCCC staff if advised to provide medical treatment to an arrestee prior to the person being processed.*
1. *Notify a supervisor and CCS via radio broadcast.*
2. *Make a notation of the refusal at CCCC in their duty report and/or Mobile Computer-Aided Dispatch disposition including the reason for hospital referral (e.g., laceration, intoxication, etc.).*
3. *Notify the Division of Corrections by submitting a copy of their duty report and/or by submitting a Form-1. Forward the information via email to Division of Corrections Project Coordinator Lisa Scafidi at lscafidi@clevelandohio.gov.*

- B. *The Division of Corrections shall keep records of arrestees refused by CCCC.*

IV. *Treatment Delay/Admission to the Hospital*

A. *Members shall:*

1. *Complete a non-physical arrest entry into Field Based Reporting (FBR).*
2. *Notify their supervisor of the delay or admission.*

B. *Supervisors shall:*

1. *Arrange for a hospital guard detail if the arrestee is admitted per GPO 3.02.02 Guarding Arrestees at Hospitals.*
2. *Contact Central Charging for notification that an arrestee has been entered into FBR; if Central Charging is closed, notify the Record Section supervisor at (216) 623-5333.*
3. *For an extended admission:*
 - a. *Notify the Crime Scene and Record Unit (CS&RU) that an adult is in custody at the hospital.*

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- b. *CS&RU personnel shall respond for arrestee photographs and fingerprints.*

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