



Policy Summaries

The Search and Seizure policies represent a detailed area of policing practices including technical procedures followed by law enforcement officers. Please refer to the specific General Police Orders (GPOs) to gain a better understanding of the policies in place. There are 5 separate policies contributing to Search and Seizure. These policies can be found on the city website.

The 5 policies include:

Search and Seizure
Investigative Stops
Probable Cause Arrest
Miranda Rights
Detainee Searches

Probable Cause Arrest

Requirements

- Unless possessing a warrant, officers must have probable cause that a suspect has committed or is committing a crime in order to affect an arrest.
- When taking a suspect into custody, as early as practical under the circumstances, officers must identify themselves, inform the suspect that he/she is under arrest, and state the reason for the arrest.

Entering a Residence

- Officer(s) reasonably believe the person(s) is within the residence at the time of entrance
- Consent to enter the residence is given by a person who shares access and control of the premises
- Exigent circumstances (e.g., hot pursuit, spontaneous violence, prevention of a crime, or imminent escape to avoid apprehension).

Supervisory Review

- Supervisors must review all documentation of arrests for completeness and adherence to law and division policy.
- Supervisors must take appropriate action to address all apparent violations or deficiencies in arrests.