

YUMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
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406.1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines for the safe and proper handling of person who have been arrested and/or detained to ensure the safety of the officers and the arrested/detained persons.

406.2 POLICY:

It is the policy of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office ("Office") to ensure the safety of all officers and arrested/detained persons.

406.3 DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Arrested/Detained Person:** Any individual who has been arrested and/or detained.

406.4 PROCEDURE:

- A. **Use of Force:** Officers will comply with Office policy regarding use of force. (Policy Nos. 401-405, inclusive) Arrested persons who have been restrained and become uncooperative or combative will be controlled by the most reasonable and least intrusive means possible. All prisoners injured as a result of use of force shall require medical clearance prior to booking.
- B. **Searches:** All prisoners will be patted down and given a thorough physical search of his/her person. Female prisoners will be searched by a female officer when possible. If no female officer is available, an appropriate search will be conducted by the arresting officer in the presence of another officer.

C. **On Scene:** Prisoners will be restrained behind the back unless a medical or physical impairment exists which prevents such restraint. A prisoner may be cuffed in the front for purposes of using restroom facilities or submitting to a urine or blood sample. Prisoners will be secured in the back seat of a caged patrol vehicle while awaiting transport. An officer will maintain visual contact of the vehicle at all times. During hot weather, the vehicle air conditioning will be left running, fan on high. Prisoners will always be seat belted. Two same sex prisoners may be transported in the same vehicle as long as they are both cooperative and it does not compromise an investigation.

D. **Transport:**

1. Safe and proper driving will be observed and the most direct route will be taken to location to which the prisoner is being transported. No unauthorized stops will be made. Engaging in any vehicle pursuit while transporting a prisoner is not allowed. If a female prisoner is being transported, the beginning and ending mileage and vehicle number will be given to communications via radio. If, during transport, the prisoner becomes combative, request communications notify Detention to expedite your entrance into the facility. If the prisoner becomes combative to the point of hurting himself/herself or damaging the vehicle, request a back-up officer and immediately pull to the side of the roadway and get the subject under control. If it becomes necessary to further restrain the prisoner, it is appropriate to utilize "hobbles", leg restraints or additional handcuffs. Positional asphyxiation must always be a concern and can be minimized by properly positioning the prisoner on his/her side or in an upright position (sitting up) if possible. If it becomes necessary to remove restraints from a once combative prisoner, no less than two (2) Office personnel will be present when doing so.
2. If a combative prisoner requires transportation to the hospital or other emergent care facility, the restraints will **not be removed** unless by specific request of medical personnel. If requested to remove the restraints, the officer will **immediately** notify his/her on-duty supervisor. **At no time** will a prisoner's restraints be removed unless there are two (2) Office personnel and/or a hospital security officer present.
3. Emergency driving ("Code 3") is **not authorized** to expedite the transport of a prisoner. In the event of a medical emergency, an ambulance will be called to transport the prisoner to a medical


facility. Officers should document any statements or spontaneous utterances made by prisoners.

- E. **Accidents:** If an officer is involved in an accident while transporting a prisoner, the officer will ensure that the prisoner remains secured and is segregated from all others at the scene until another patrol vehicle is available to secure and continue transporting the prisoner. All prisoners involved in an accident while being transported shall require medical clearance **prior to booking.**
- F. **Driving Under the Influence (DUI):** Prisoners will be transported to the intoxilyzer area where the appropriate tests will be conducted and the necessary paperwork will be completed. Prisoners will remain restrained (handcuffed behind the back) while in that area. Upon completion of the intoxilyzer process, the prisoner will be taken directly to the sally-port and booked into the Detention facility. Any paperwork requiring a prisoner's signature will be executed **after** the restraints have been removed by Detention personnel.
- G. **Booking:** The Detention Center requires that all booking paperwork be completed prior to arrival at the facility. An exception would be an uncooperative or combative prisoner where it becomes necessary to expedite the booking process. Prisoners may be walked into or transported by patrol vehicle into the sally-port. The arresting officer **MUST** notify the admitting/processing officer if the prisoner is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and whether or not the prisoner is exhibiting any suicidal tendencies.
- H. **Juveniles:**
1. Juveniles who are injured or intoxicated will require a medical clearance before the Yuma County Juvenile Court Center (YCJCC) will accept them. Clearances may be obtained at the hospital emergency room or at any urgent care facility. Every effort should be made to locate and inform a parent of the juvenile's arrest/detention. This is especially important if a medical clearance is going to be needed.
 2. Booking a juvenile into YCJCC first requires the approval of the duty Probation Office. Once approved, the arresting officer must book the juvenile in with a completed Juvenile Referral Form (pre-petition) and

the custodial copy of the victim's rights (if applicable). The officer will be required to sign an affidavit of probable cause prior to his/her department from YCJCC.

406.5 AMENDMENT:

This policy is subject to amendment, revision and/or rescission as required.



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