

2.5.2 Vehicle Search

I. POLICY

Providing for the safety and security of the officers, prisoners and the general public. To insure the preservation of the rights and safety of those prisoners and to prevent escape. It shall be the policy of the Johnstown Police Department that all officers comply with the provisions of this general order.

II. PURPOSE

The prevention of injury and safety of the officers is the main objective. It is the goal of this department to assure the highest possible standards for the safety and security of the prisoner and the transporting officer.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Vehicle Search

1. Every time a prisoner is transported in a police vehicle, an opportunity arises for the introduction of contraband or weapons into that unit. Therefore, officers will thoroughly search their patrol vehicle before and after transporting prisoners. This is addition to inspecting the vehicle at the beginning and end of their shifts.
2. Officers checking their vehicle are required to notify the shift supervisor if there is new damage to the vehicle, there is equipment failure or contraband is found within that unit. The appropriate report shall then be prepared.
3. All contraband or evidence seized from a transport vehicle shall also be documented in an incident report.

Effective Date:

Date: March 16, 2007

By Order Of:

Craig Foust
Chief Of Police