

2.5.4 Prisoner Escape in Transit

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. If a prisoner should escape while being transported, the transporting officers will take the following actions.
 1. Notify Cambria County 9-1-1 Communication Center and any other appropriate Communication Center if transporting out of the area.
 - a. Officer will provide a complete description of the escapee, mode and direction of travel, any weapons obtained, original crime and propensity for violence if known.
 - i. The Communication Center will broadcast an immediate message to all surrounding departments throughout Cambria County.
 - ii. If out of the area that center will broadcast an immediate message to all their surrounding departments.
 2. The sergeant or officer in charge will be notified and they in turn will be responsible for notifying:
 - a. The Chief of Police, via the chain of command.
 - b. The victim[s] of the prisoner's criminal act.
 - c. Escapee's relatives or friends residing in the vicinity if deemed necessary.
 3. Reports to be prepared.
 - a. Detailed incident report of the escape.
 - b. Warrant and Probable Cause for additional charges.
 - c. Any other report as determined by the sergeant or higher-ranking officer.

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4. Other actions to be taken.
 - a. The transporting officers and ranking on duty supervisor shall ensure that every reasonable effort is made to apprehend the escapee.
 - b. Communications between the Johnstown Police Department and the agency of the jurisdiction where the escape occurred, if not the Johnstown Police Department is essential.
 - c. The use of outside agencies, K-9, media, establishing a command post, etc., will be determined by the totality of the circumstances surrounding the escapee and the escape.
 - d. Notification to the police agency in the jurisdiction of the last known address of the escapee, if not in the city.
 - e. Notification to surrounding police jurisdictions. [Facsimiles may be used]
 - f. Notification to the police agency where the victim resides and works, if known. [Facsimiles may be used]
 - g. NCIC/CLEAN entry as soon as possible in regard to the escapee.

Effective Date:

Date: March 16, 2007

By Order Of:

Craig Foust
Chief Of Police