

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COURT SERVICES BUREAU
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for Court Services Bureau (CSB) deputies when transporting prisoners outside the courthouse.

Policy:

All personnel responsible for transporting prisoners shall obtain pertinent security information in order to determine appropriate security measures necessary to complete the transport safely.

Procedure

- I. If transportation of a prisoner to a medical facility is necessary, it shall be the transporting deputies' responsibility to ensure the security of the prisoner.
 - A. This includes, but is not limited to, adequate restraining devices on the prisoner, separation of the prisoner from others, and constant visual observation of the prisoner. The deputy will remain in close proximity to, and maintain a constant visual observation of the prisoner at all times. Restraining devices may be removed from the prisoner at the discretion of the deputy.
 - B. If it becomes necessary to transport a prisoner by ambulance, a deputy will ride in the ambulance, and a "chase car" will be utilized to follow the ambulance to the care facility. Emergency medical aid or transport will not be unnecessarily delayed solely because a chase car is not available.
 - C. If the prisoner is admitted to the hospital, the deputy will immediately notify their supervisor. The supervisor will notify the detention facility watch commander to make arrangements for relief. The transporting deputy will remain with the prisoner until relieved.
- II. If a prisoner becomes sick or injured during transportation, the transporting deputy shall ensure they are given prompt medical attention. The deputy may find it necessary to have paramedics respond to their location to render

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assistance. The communications center and the deputy's supervisor will be notified as soon as possible.

- III. If it is necessary to transport a disabled prisoner, either from court, or subsequent to arrest. The use of restraining devices on a disabled prisoner will be at the discretion of the transporting deputy.