

SDSD Detention Services Bureau – Sheriff's Transportation Unit Green Sheet

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NUMBER: I.57, T.2
SUBJECT: WHEELCHAIR VEHICLE USE
RELATED SECTIONS: I.57 SDSD P&P 10.4

Purpose:

To establish Detention Services Bureau (DSB) Sheriff's Transportation Unit (STU) guidelines for the use of the assigned wheelchair vehicles.

Policy:

Prior to operating a wheelchair vehicle, STU deputies shall receive training on the use and operation of the wheelchair lift and proper wheelchair securing procedures. Assigned deputies shall also view the 18-minute training video on the operation of the wheelchair lift prior to the initial use of the lift.

Procedure:

I. Loading of Incarcerated Persons

- A. All incarcerated persons confined to a wheelchair shall be loaded onto a wheelchair vehicle in the manner described on the training video.
- B. A second deputy should be present during loading and unloading of any incarcerated person to provide security while the primary deputy applies or removes wheelchair anchors/straps.
- C. The transporting deputies will ensure that tie down straps are serviceable and each occupied wheelchair is securely anchored, prior to setting the vehicle in motion. Each wheelchair vehicle is equipped with a seat belt for the wheelchair passenger and this will be applied at all times
- D. Any incarcerated person shall not be allowed to sit on the floor of the vehicle or in any area not designated for passenger travel.
- E. All incarcerated persons will be secured with waist chains and leg chains when being transported in a wheelchair vehicle.