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NUMBER:	I.96
SUBJECT:	PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO ARRESTING / TRANSPORTING OFFICER
RELATED SECTIONS:	I.89 ; M.32 ; Addendum F

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for sworn staff's involvement when responding to any arresting/transporting officer's (AO) need for emergency response (cover) or requested assistance with the removal of a person from their vehicle and/or escorting a person through the pre-intake process.

POLICY

When an AO requests or appears to need emergency response (cover), deputies will respond immediately. If there is any doubt, deputies shall default to an emergency response (cover). If an AO requests assistance with the removal of a person from their vehicle and/or assistance with escorting a person through the pre-intake process, deputies may assist with supervisory approval. Absent exigent circumstances, the watch commander shall be notified of the assistance being requested. At no time will facility deputies take custody of the person without the AO assisting with the person.

PROCEDURE

- I. The need for an emergency response (cover) is different from a request to assist with an person. The need for emergency response (cover) does not require immediate supervisor notification, nor approval and shall be responded to with the utmost urgency.
- II. The following procedures will be adhered to when deputies and supervisors respond to requests for assistance from an AO.
 - A. Deputies receiving a request for assistance with a person shall notify the watch commander and the Intake/Processing Sergeant, without delay. A sergeant shall respond to the scene if possible and advise the watch commander of the circumstances surrounding the request for assistance. The watch commander will evaluate the circumstances of the request and may authorize the deputies to assist the AO. Supervisors should consider these to be high-risk requests that could result in physical injury.
 - B. The AO is responsible for the person until accepted into the facility by jail staff. The AO has primary responsibility for movement and restraint of the person. Facility deputies may provide assistance, only if needed, and shall not accept responsibility
 - C. for the care and custody of the person during the pre-intake process.
 - D. If the person was subjected to maximum restraints or the WRAP device, is combative or in such a state of intoxication or drug influence where they cannot stand or walk on their own, the person should be left in the AO's patrol vehicle (preferably in the recovery position) and closely monitored by the AO until the facility nurse (RN) is ready to conduct a nursing assessment.

1. Persons unable to ambulate on their own due to a potentially acute medical condition will be rejected in compliance with Detention Services Bureau Policies and Procedures (DSB P&P) section M.9.
 2. The AO shall remove the person from the patrol vehicle for the RN to conduct a nursing assessment. Deputies may assist with the removal of the person if requested and with supervisor approval.
 3. To minimize or prevent injuries to staff or the person, deputies may assist the AO in securing the person onto a wheelchair or a gurney in compliance with DSB P&P section M.32. Utilization of the gurney can assist the RN in obtaining a proper nursing assessment and subsequent movement of the uncooperative person into the facility.
 4. In the event the person is medically rejected, and at the request of the AO, deputies may assist with the placement of the person back into the patrol vehicle with supervisor approval.
- E. Nothing in this section precludes deputies from taking action to prevent injury to staff, the AO or themselves. However, it is preferred that the initiation of force originates from the AO rather than from facility staff. All use of force incidents involving facility staff will be documented in accordance with Department Use of Force Policies, Addendum F, and DSB P&P section I.89.
- F. If the person is injured because of force used and the RN deems the person not fit for jail, it shall be the responsibility of the arresting agency to have the person evaluated by a medical professional at a local hospital and cleared for booking. When available, a supervisor should inform the AO of this requirement.