

RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

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General Order Title: CIVIL PROTECTIVE CUSTODY DETENTIONS		

POLICY

Alcohol intoxication is a health and safety issue best handled by agencies outside of the criminal justice system. Grossly intoxicated persons detained for civil protective custody are placed into the detoxification center at the Washoe County Jail for treatment.

CPC stands for Civil Protective Custody, as defined in N.R.S. 458.270.

CPC PROCEDURES

Detention Procedures

A person may be detained for CPC by a sworn member of this Department, when the person is found in a public place under the influence of alcohol. The person must be in such condition that they are unable to exercise care for their own health or safety, or the health or safety of others.

Prior to transport to the jail, the CPC will be searched by the detaining officer(s) per established procedures. Any opened alcohol containers will be disposed of prior to transport to the jail.

The officer(s) will conduct a wants and warrants check on the detainee.

The officer(s) will check the detainee for any medical alert identification that would indicate that the person may be in need of medical care. If no identification is found, it will be noted in the narrative portion of the CPC detention form.

Medical Treatment

If the CPC is unconscious, extremely intoxicated, or has a substantial injury, he or she will be transported to the nearest medical facility by emergency medical transport. If an injury is minor in nature, the detainee can be transported to the nearest medical facility by the officer, or they

can be treated and released at the scene by emergency medical technicians. If the CPC is taken to the hospital under an officer's care and control, the officer will remain at the hospital until the CPC is medically cleared and can be transported to the detoxification center at the Washoe County Jail. If the CPC is taken to a hospital by other means, he or she can remain at the hospital without an officer being there, until he or she is medically cleared. After medical clearance, the hospital will call the Department to arrange for the CPC to be picked up for transport to the jail.

Alternatives to CPC Detention

An officer may, at his or her discretion, attempt to locate a responsible adult to accept care and custody of the CPC detainee. If this occurs, an incident report will be completed documenting the details of the alternate placement, and a supervisor will be notified.

CPC Documentation

Whenever a person is placed into civil protective custody, the consolidated CPC detention form will be completed. The narrative will thoroughly articulate the signs and symptoms of the detainee's intoxication, and why they were unable to care for their safety or the safety of others. The bottom copy of the form will be given to the intake deputy at the jail and the original will be turned into the patrol sergeant's office for review. A case number is not required for completing the CPC detention form.