

County Vehicles - Transporting

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427.1 PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for transporting in-custody/detained/out of custody people in a safe and responsible manner.

427.2 DEFINITIONS:

Hobble: A device used to restrict leg and/or arm movement.

RIPP Violent Prisoner Transport Restraint (VPTR): A strap used to restrict upper body movement.

Transport Kit: A seatbelt-grade web belt that attaches to front wrist restraints used for long distance transport.

427.3 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- I. General:
 - A. Adhere to the County Vehicles procedure.
 - B. Follow the Radio Communication procedure when applicable to advise dispatch about a transport.
 - C. A Department-approved leg restraint device shall be issued to all field units for each assigned county vehicle as a basic equipment inventory item.
- II. In-custody transport:
 - A. Transport in a county vehicle only.
 - B. Ensure all occupants are properly secured.
 - C. Transport arrested or detained persons using training guidelines:
 1. Utilize only Department-issued restraint devices.
 2. Follow training guidelines regarding the applications/use of department-approved restraints (hobble restraints, VPTR, etc.).
 3. Shall not attach the hobble to handcuffs in what is commonly referred to as a "hog tie."
 - D. Position detained persons with the officer's and detained person's safety in mind.
 - E. Do not transport an arrested or detained person on their stomach while handcuffed with their hands behind their back.

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- F. Ensure dispatch is aware of the transport and destination:
 - 1. Advise dispatch you are 10-15(x) from your location with the number of persons to be transported and your destination.
 - 2. Only give one destination at a time.
 - G. Should an emergency (medical or behavioral) arise while transporting, pull over as soon as it is safe to do so and notify dispatch.
- III. Non-Custody Transport:
- A. County vehicles are not to be routinely used for the transportation of the public.
 - 1. Transportation of the public may only be done in the interest of safety. Probationers who are not in custody, their immediate family members, and employees of other agencies may be transported in county vehicles.
 - B. As needed, conduct a pat down on public passengers and purses or bags should be visually inspected for weapons or dangerous drugs/paraphernalia.
 - C. Ensure all occupants, including children, are properly secured pursuant to CVC 27360.
 - D. Provide beginning and ending mileage to dispatch.