



Transportation of Individuals

I. INTRODUCTION

Officers of the Ridgely Police Department will have to transport persons in departmental vehicles during the course of their duties. The types of person transported will dictate if the person is frisked and placed in restraints, or allowed to ride in a department vehicle.

II. POLICY

- A. Any person who is placed under arrest will be searched thoroughly and secured with handcuffs prior to being placed in an RPD vehicle.
- B. Any person who is under RPD care and custody for an Emergency Petition will be frisked for weapons and secured with handcuffs prior to being placed in an RPD vehicle.
- C. Any person who is being given a relay from the Town of Ridgely will be frisked, but there is no need to secure the person with handcuffs.
- D. Any person who is riding in an RPD vehicle for official business may not be frisked or secured with handcuffs.

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. Transport officers will conduct a second search of a suspect if they did not place the suspect under arrest.
- B. Any person who is under arrest, being transported to the hospital for an Emergency Petition, or being given a relay, shall be placed in the rear of a cage-equipped vehicle.
- C. Any person who is under arrest, being transported to the hospital for an Emergency Petition, or being given a relay, shall be placed in the front passenger seat of a non cage- equipped vehicle.
- D. Any person who is being transported in an RPD vehicle will be secured with the equipped safety belt restraint system.

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E. Any person who is acting in an aggressive manner, fled or attempted to flee on foot, or has threatened an Officer shall be placed in leg shackles or the Violent Prisoner Restraint strap.

F. If a person is being transported in a non cage- equipped vehicle, and a second officer is needed, the second officer shall sit in the rear passenger side seat, directly behind the person.

G. When transporting an individual of the opposite sex or a juvenile, the transporting officer shall notify the Caroline County Dispatch center and advise of the number of people being transported, sex, adult/ juvenile status, destination, and beginning mileage. When the transport is complete, the officer shall notify dispatch of the arrival at the location and the ending mileage.

H. All individuals in custody will be restrained through the use of handcuffs or flex-cuffs utilized to the rear, except under the following circumstances:

1. When precluded by a physical deformity or injury.
2. During a lengthy transport.
3. When prohibited by court order.
4. When the arresting officer determines that handcuffing to the rear would be detrimental to the exchange of information deemed necessary by the officer.