



# GENERAL ORDER

## MINOCQUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: **TEMPORARY DETENTION**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this General Order is to provide a guideline for the temporary detention of persons in the custody of the Minocqua Police Department.

This General Order consists of the following numbered sections:

- I. DEFINITION
- II. POLICY
- III. PROCEDURES
- IV. BOOKING ROOM
- V. TRAINING

I. DEFINITION

- A. Temporary Detention – occurs when a person is in custody (or not free to leave on their own accord) at a law enforcement facility other than a lockup facility for the purpose of processing, testing, or interview/interrogation.
  - 1. The duration of a temporary detention is limited to the period of time necessary to accomplish the processing, testing, and/or interview/interrogation, and the time reasonably necessary to accomplish release or transfer to a lockup, or other correctional or medical facility.
  - 2. Temporary detention also includes persons detained inside a law enforcement vehicle, such as a squad car, SUV, van, etc. that is stationary and is not being driven or otherwise occupied by an officer.

## II. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the Minocqua Police Department to establish and maintain guidelines for the temporary detention of persons in the custody of the Department; to include supervision, security, accountability, and the use of restraints.

## III. PROCEDURES

### A. Access to Physical Necessities

1. The interview room(s) is considered a temporary detention area(s) and contains a table or desk, and chairs. An officer may provide a personal comfort item if the officer deems it appropriate. Access to the restroom or drinking water shall be made available on request.

### B. Two Hour Limit on Temporary Detention

1. A person detained by an officer may only be held, without continuous control or supervision, in a temporary detention status for a period not to exceed two hours.

*Commentary: The intent of this General Order does not limit the total time a person can be detained in an officer's custody, but rather the person cannot be held for more than two hours without personal face-to-face contact by an officer. The two hour window begins each time an officer suspends face-to-face continuous contact, control or supervision.*

### C. Restraint to Immovable Object

1. The use of restraints to an immovable object is not authorized at the department.

### D. Fire Evacuation and Suppression

1. In the event of a fire within the police facility, the officer's first responsibility is the personal safety of a temporary detainee. Accordingly, all detainees shall be immediately removed to a point of safety.
2. All exit routes are clearly marked with illuminated signs. Fire extinguishers are available in the hallway near the temporary detention/interview room and in the hallway of the Department's administrative offices.
3. In the event a fire cannot be suppressed with a fire extinguisher(s) or other means at the officer's disposal, the Tele-communications Center shall be notified immediately of the situation and notification made to the Minocqua Fire Department to respond.

### E. Security Concerns

1. Weapons Control: Weapons control is highly encouraged.
2. Panic or Duress Alarms: The Department does not have a panic or duress alarm in the temporary detention/interview room.
3. Access to Area and Prisoner: Any time a person is in temporary detention, they are considered under the personal control and supervision of the officer, including those times when a person may be left unattended in the temporary detention/interview room. Access to the prisoner is limited to the officer, a supervisor, and those persons authorized by the officer.
4. Escape Prevention: An officer interacting with a detainee, should position him or herself seated at the table, closest to the door and to the officer's back if possible. The detainee should be seated to the officer's left or right, at the end of the table or desk.

This is desirable for weapon control and allows for the officer to retreat and secure the detainee

if a problem arises. If there is a known escape risk or an officer believes one may exist, the officer should ensure the detainee is not left unattended.

5. Search of Detainee: Any person arrested in the field, and in-custody of an officer (pre-detention) must be thoroughly searched prior to transportation to the police facility.

If appropriate, a secondary search at the police facility may be conducted. Any person arrested at the police facility and in-custody of an officer must be searched prior to placing them into temporary detention.

*Commentary: An example of a police facility arrest is a voluntary interview situation in the police facility that results in a custody arrest and temporary detention.*

6. Security Inspections: The temporary detention/interview room should be visually inspected both before and after a detainee is detained.
7. Visual Observation of Detainee: While it is expected that detainees will be left unattended for short periods of time, an officer must make a face-to-face visual observation of the detainee at least every fifteen minutes. During the interim period, the officer or dispatcher should use the closed-circuit television to monitor the detainee. An officer may video tape the detainee at their discretion.
  - a) When a detainee is left unattended for any short period of time, a Department Interview Room Record shall be filled out and all areas answered.
  - b) Periodic checks and observations shall be noted in the appropriate area on each record and included with all other Department documentation regarding the temporary detention of the person.

- F. Detainees who are locked inside a law enforcement vehicle are considered in temporary detention and under the care of the Department and the officer who placed the detainee in custody, or the officer assigned to the vehicle, or the officer who placed the detainee inside the vehicle.

It is recommended that these detainees not be left unattended; however this may not always be possible. If a detainee is not attended or under constant supervision, the detainee should be asked about any medical concerns and then checked at a minimum of every 15 minutes as with any other temporary detention.

#### G. Training in Temporary Detention

1. Upon issuance or revision of this policy, supervisors will provide training on the requirements of this directive. The Department will incorporate the temporary detention process in the Field Training Program.
2. A review of temporary detention will take place from time-to-time, either in conjunction with the Department's general staff meetings or daily shift briefings by a supervisor.

### V. TRAINING

- A. Newly hired sworn officers will receive training in all operational components of temporary detention to include:
  1. Security cameras;
  2. Restroom facility and water supply; and
  3. Fire suppression system.

- B. Periodic training in temporary detention may be conducted at in-service training, through the internet, or any other area at the discretion of the Chief.

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This General Order cancels and supersedes any and all written directives relative to the subject matter contained herein.

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