



OPERATIONS ORDER

Maximum Restraints

Purpose and Scope

This Order provides officers guidelines in the proper application of the Ripp Hobble maximum restraint device to safely restrain violent, combative, actively resisting or self-injurious individuals. The Ripp Hobble, combined with the Ripp Sit Belt maximum restraint devices, will place the handcuffed individual into a position allowing the individual to be safely transported to a detention or medical facility.

Affected Personnel

All Sworn Staff

Authority

Administrative Directive

Effective Date

Upon completion of Departmental Training.¹

Definitions

Active Resistance: Behavior that physically counteracts the officer's attempt to control, thereby creating risk of bodily harm to an officer, subject and/or other person.

Self-Injurious: The deliberate, repetitive, impulsive, harming of self.

Maximum Restraint: A device used to restrict the movement of an individual who is exhibiting violent, combative, actively resistive or self-injurious behavior.

I. Applications

- A. Upon completion of departmental training, officers will utilize department approved techniques to safely and effectively apply the max restraint devices.
 - 1. Only officers trained by the Department shall apply the max restraint devices.
 - 2. The max restraint belting may only be applied at the ankles, knees and elbows.

¹ Employees shall receive Department specific training relative to Maximum Restraints in accordance with this order.

II. Procedures


- A. The maximum restraint devices will be stored in Probation Department vehicle safety kits.
- B. Officers shall ensure individuals in a maximum restraint device are transported in an upright seated position utilizing the Ripp Sit Belt device.
- C. Individuals should be transported in a caged vehicle if available.
- D. Individuals restrained using the maximum restraint devices shall be monitored by an officer at all times and shall not be left unattended.
- E. If any medical problems are observed by the officer at any time, paramedics will be requested and appropriate medical attention provided.
- F. Officers do not need approval prior to using maximum restraints; however, when maximum restraints are utilized, a supervisor shall be notified once the scene is safe, and it is feasible to do so.
- G. The supervisor receiving notification shall notify a Watch Commander. If deemed necessary, the unit supervisor and/or the Watch Commander shall respond to the scene to provide assistance.
- H. Officers shall document the use of a maximum restraint device in an event report.

Attachments

N/A

Amends/Replaces Previous Order

New Order

Authorized By  **Date** 8/3/2020
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