

1600. **ARREST**

1601. Treatment of Persons in Custody: A department employee shall not mistreat persons who are in custody. The department employee shall treat such persons in accordance with established departmental procedures.
1602. Response to Resistance: Department employees shall not use excessive force in making an arrest or in dealing with a prisoner or any other person.
1603. Reporting Response to Resistance: Department employees shall report each instance of response to resistance or deployment of any less than lethal system, which shall include the pointing of a weapon and submit a written report or recorded statements containing detailed information relating to the type and degree of force used. Response to resistance reports will be submitted no later than the end of the shift in which the force was used. Response to resistance incidents that occur in an extra-duty capacity will be reported no later than the end of the extra-duty assignment. Officers utilizing force in connection with an off-duty exercise of police authority will submit proper reports before returning to off-duty status.

Officers shall immediately report and document as required any injury or complaint of injury that results from a response to resistance contact, to themselves or the suspect, to their immediate supervisor. In the case of extra-duty contacts, each incident shall be reported immediately to the supervisor or area supervisor and the shift commander of the affected division and document as required.

1604. Area of Search: After an arrest, the arresting sworn employee shall search the area of the arrest for weapons or evidence that may have been concealed, dropped, or thrown away by the accused.
1605. Examination of Police Vehicles: All sworn operator(s) are responsible for thoroughly searching the vehicle for weapons, contraband, or other items, upon taking possession of the vehicle. The condition of the vehicle shall also be examined, including the proper inflation of tires, as well as fuel, oil, and other fluid levels.

When transporting a prisoner, sworn operator(s) shall search the vehicle prior to transport, and immediately after transport, for weapons, contraband, or other items.

1606. Transporting Prisoners: A department employee shall not transport, or cause to be transported, prisoners to their home, room, or elsewhere without the consent of a superior officer.

However, an exception shall exist for the prisoner who, due to a medical emergency, must be transported to an appropriate medical facility under supervision.

.01 The transportation of juveniles shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, the “Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1990.”

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