

Intoxicated Persons

433.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Recognizing the potential danger and safety concerns for intoxicated persons, officers follow prescribed procedures when dealing with individuals who, because of alcohol or drug ingestion are clearly dangerous to the health and safety of themselves or others.

433.2 PROCEDURES

433.2.1 INVOLUNTARY EMERGENCY COMMITMENT

Individuals who, based upon observation and articulable reasons, are a danger to themselves or others due to their level of intoxication or incapacitation by alcohol and/or drugs are taken into protective custody by officers acting with probable cause, and placed in an approved Addiction Recovery Center (ARC). Although a Portable Breath Test (PBT) reading may be used by the officer as part of their probable cause, it is not in and of itself, sufficient to place someone into protective custody.

Officers shall determine if medical assistance is required and, if appropriate, request an ambulance response for medical treatment or medical clearance at a designated medical facility. If the individual will have to be treated at the medical facility before cleared to be transported to the ARC, the officer will leave the detoxification hold form at the medical facility and instruct them to contact the department when the person can be released.

If an individual meets the criteria for an involuntary emergency commitment, they are not released to the custody of a sober person in lieu of transport to the ARC. However, an intoxicated or incapacitated person who is NOT dangerous to the health and safety of themselves or others may be released from the contact or assisted to their home or like location by an officer.

Officers transporting a party to the ARC, will follow the policy and procedures for securing and handcuffing detainees.

433.2.2 VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT

in the event an individual voluntarily desires to be seen by the counselors at the ARC, they may be transported by the officer to the ARC for an evaluation. To ensure the safety of the officer and the individual, the officer properly secures them during transport utilizing the proper handcuffing procedure.

433.3 REPORT REQUIRED

An officer transporting a person to a treatment facility, whether on a voluntary or involuntary police commitment, must completely fill out a detoxification (ARC) hold form documenting the circumstances of the hold.

