

**CITY OF OCONOMOWOC POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

DATE: May 14, 2020

HISTORY: November 15, 2000

SUBJECT: Prisoner Security While at the Hospital

POLICY NUMBER: 00-021

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of hospital employees, prisoners and police officers while prisoners are at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital.

**II. PRISONER SECURITY**

- A. All prisoners in the custody of the City of Oconomowoc Police Department shall remain in handcuffs unless hospital employees deem it necessary that they be removed for treatment.
  - 1. At the discretion of the arresting officer, the prisoner may be handcuffed in the front. (Pursuant to policy 99-020 (III) (B) )
- B. In the event that it is necessary that the prisoner lie down and the handcuffs be removed, the officer should inquire as to whether it is feasible to handcuff the prisoner to the bed.
- C. Immediately upon completion of treatment, the prisoner shall be re-secured in handcuffs.
- D. During those periods when the handcuffs must be removed for a particular medical procedure, the officer(s) shall remain in the area in order to maintain custody of the prisoner and to provide for the safety of the hospital staff and patients.
- E. Follow the Prohealth Care Procedure on Blood Draws (see attached).

**III. OUTSIDE AGENCY PRISONERS**

- A. The City of Oconomowoc Police Department is often requested to assist outside agencies with prisoners at the hospital.
  - 1. Upon arriving at the hospital, the officer shall check to see if the prisoner is handcuffed.
  - 2. If the prisoner is not handcuffed, the assisting officer shall ascertain if the handcuffs have been removed for medical reasons.
  - 3. If there is no medical reason for the prisoner to be free of handcuffs, the assisting officer shall request that the prisoner be properly restrained in handcuffs
  - 4. If the officer will not properly secure the prisoner in handcuffs, City officers should act to heighten their officer safety to protect themselves and hospital personnel.

**IV. OFFICER'S ROLE WHEN ASSITING OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

- A. When used in this capacity, the officer shall assume a secondary role.
- B. The arresting agency shall primarily be responsible for the custody and security of their prisoner. The City officer shall function as a back-up officer to the primary agency.
- C. The arresting agency shall remain with their prisoner unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- D. City officers should make their presence known to the prisoner; however, their contact should be kept to a minimum.

- E. In the event that a City of Oconomowoc Police Officer becomes the primary officer, he/she shall utilize the procedures of the Oconomowoc Police Department in securing prisoners. (Pursuant to Policy 99-020)

**V. INPATIENT PRISONER SECURITY (Admitted)**

- A. If a City of Oconomowoc Police Department's prisoner poses a security risk that requires continuous police presence, arrangements shall be made to have that prisoner transported to a secure facility (Waukesha Memorial Hospital).
  - 1. The City of Oconomowoc Police Department shall be responsible for the security of the prisoner until he/she is transferred to a secured facility.
- B. The City of Oconomowoc Police Department will not provide inpatient security for outside agencies.

**VI. OFFICER SAFETY**

- A. If a City officer feels that his safety is compromised by another agency's officer or his/her actions, the City of Oconomowoc officer shall do the following:
  - 1. The officer will advise the other agency's officer of the officer safety issue.
  - 2. The officer will advise the other agency's officer that if the issue is not corrected, he/she will terminate his/her assistance.

**V. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY MAY BE AUTHORIZED ONLY BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

This policy is effective immediately  
and will supersede any directives or understandings in conflict