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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of restraining devices by employees of the Elgin Police Department.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Elgin Police Department to utilize restraints in a manner that will adequately provide for the safety and security of the detainee, officers, and the general public.

DEFINITIONS

Ankle Cuffs: Commercially produced chain link type cuff, designed to be placed around the ankles.

Disposable Flex Cuffs: Commercially produced plastic flexible band cuff with one-way locking system.

Handcuffs: Commercially produced chain link or hinged-type cuff, designed to be placed around the wrist and capable of being double locked.

Transport Belt: Commercially produced heavy-duty leather waist belt with a metal restraining ring for use with handcuffs. Used for long distance transportation when it is impractical to have the wrists cuffed behind their back.

Safety Restraint Chair: Commercially produced chair designed to safely secure a detainee that exhibits disruptive, dangerous, or injurious behavior.

PROCEDURES

71.2.1 RESTRAINING DEVICES

A. Handcuffs

1. Handcuffs shall be used in situations to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Restricting the movement of a person placed under arrest.
 - b. Transporting a detainee.
 - c. Immobilizing a violent or mentally disturbed person.
 - d. At the officer's discretion due to officer safety concerns.
2. Detainees should be handcuffed with their hands behind their back and palms pointing out. Under the following circumstances, detainees may be handcuffed with their hands positioned in the front of their body:
 - a. Physically incapable of placing hands behind their back.

- b. Physically handicapped.
 - c. Sick or injured to the extent that placing hands behind their back would be impractical.
 - d. Restrained by use of the transport belt.
 - 3. Handcuffs should be double locked.
 - 4. Detainees should never be handcuffed to a fixed part of any transport vehicle.
 - 5. Mentally disturbed individuals in custody, who pose a danger to themselves or others, may be handcuffed until padded restraints are obtained.
- B. Ankle cuffs
- Ankle cuffs may be used on detainees who pose a security risk, are believed to be violent or any other transport/circumstance at the officer's discretion.
- C. Disposable Flex Cuffs
- Disposable flex cuffs may be used during emergencies, mass arrest situations, or SWAT operations.
- D. Safety Restraint Chair
- 1. The safety restraint chair may be used whenever a detainee exhibits disruptive, dangerous, or injurious behavior toward themselves or others.
 - 2. The safety restraint chair may also be utilized for the detainee to receive medical treatment in order to prevent injury to medical staff. If the detainee requires treatment from a medical facility, the detainee may be transported by ambulance while restrained in the chair. Refer to Standard Operating Procedure 71.3, Special Transports for information on transporting detainees to medical facilities.
 - 3. Utilization of the safety restraint chair must be authorized by a sworn supervisor.
 - a. The authorizing supervisor has the option of utilizing the wrist straps and shoulder harness located on the restraint chair or handcuffing the detainee's hands behind their back. Employees also have the option of using the "spit hood."
 - b. A minimum of two (2) employees are required to utilize the safety restraint chair.
 - c. Prior to being placed into the safety restraint chair, every effort should be made to remove any excess property and clothing from the detainee.
 - 1. When possible, the detainee should be permitted to wear one outer layer of clothing.
 - 2. If removal of personal property was inhibited prior to restraint in the safety restraint chair due to the detainee's actions, all excess clothing and personal property should be removed as soon as possible.
 - d. Detainees can only remain in the safety restraint chair, with their hands cuffed behind their back, for a maximum of one (1) hour. Afterwards, the detainee must be restrained using the wrist straps and shoulder harness.

- e. During the utilization of the safety restraint chair, the employee will encourage detainee compliance by explaining the procedure, reasons for the procedure, and the behavior needed to discontinue use of the chair.
 - f. A supervisor or designee will check the detainee's wellbeing upon being placed in the chair and every hour until the detainee is removed.
 - g. The detainee shall be checked every 15 minutes by employees assigned to the Holding Facility. The inspection, detainee's time in and removal from the safety restraint chair shall be logged utilizing the appropriate form.
 - h. A detainee can remain in the safety restraint chair up two (2) hours, at which time the shift supervisor is to be notified. The supervisor will make a determination on continued use of the chair or having the detainee examined for medical issues.
 - i. When the detainee has exhibited behavior that allows removal from the chair and it is reasonable to believe that the detainee will continue to exhibit cooperative behavior, the detainee will be removed from the safety restraint chair.
 - j. The safety restraint chair will be placed in a location that provides safety and security for the restrained detainee, other detainees, and employees. The chair may be placed in the mass arrest room or holding cell where the jailer can continuously observe the detainee.
 - k. Employees utilizing the safety restraint chair shall complete an incident report under the booking tab to document the detainee's actions leading to the use of the safety restraint chair and the name of the authorizing supervisor.
 - l. The holding facility commander is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate forms are completed and maintained in a secure location.
- E. The use of four point restraints, also known as the "hog tie" restraint, is prohibited.