

Memorandum

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: DUTY MANUAL REVISION:
L 2922 – SICK OR INJURED
SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY**

DATE: April 9, 2021

APPROVED

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BACKGROUND

Duty Manual section L 2922 SICK OR INJURED SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY is being revised to update cited Duty Manual sections that are no longer in use.

ANALYSIS

The Duty Manual has been revised to reflect changes described below. Additions are shown in *italics and underlined*. Deletions are shown in ~~strike-through~~ form.

L 2922 SICK OR INJURED SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY:

Revised 04-09-21 (previously L 2919)

Officers will evaluate illnesses or injuries of suspects in their custody. Suspects with illnesses or injuries requiring immediate medical attention will be transported to Valley Medical Center and medical treatment obtained. An ambulance or police vehicle may be used for transporting depending on the prisoner's condition. In extreme emergencies the nearest hospital will be used. The prisoner will later be transferred, upon approval of medical personnel, to Valley Medical Center. Upon arrival at a medical facility, the officer transporting the prisoner will adhere to the following preliminary procedures:

- Advise hospital emergency room of the prisoner's presence.
- Complete all appropriate hospital forms in accordance with hospital procedures.
- Ensure that the prisoner remains under control during the preliminary processing.
- Determine as soon as possible if the suspect is going to be admitted or treated and released.

When the preliminary tasks have been completed, the officer having custody of the prisoner will ensure that one of the following appropriate procedures is employed:

- **MISDEMEANOR CRIME - SUSPECT NOT ADMITTED:** The officer having custody of a suspect will gather sufficient information to accurately identify the suspect. The officer may then issue a citation in accordance with DM Sections L 3100 to L 3113,

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unless the circumstances of the incident and/or the need to further identify the suspect indicate that booking is appropriate. If the suspect is issued a citation, the appropriate hospital personnel will be advised that the suspect may be released upon completion of medical treatment. If the suspect is to be booked, the officer having custody will stand by at the medical facility until medical treatment is completed and then book the suspect in accordance with established procedures.

- MISDEMEANOR CRIME - SUSPECT ADMITTED: The officer having custody of a conscious suspect will gather sufficient information to accurately identify the suspect and may then issue a citation in accordance with DM Sections L 3100 to L 3113 ~~L 1669 to L 1669.40~~. When a suspect is unconscious and unable to sign the citation, as much information as possible will be obtained about the suspect's identity and a complaint may be obtained at a later time. If circumstances of the crime indicate that booking is appropriate to protect the public (i.e. No bail warrant or high bail on a non-citable warrant), the officer will adhere to the "Hospital Booking" procedure Section L 2924.
- FELONY CRIME - SUSPECT NOT ADMITTED: The officer having custody of the suspect will stand by until completion of medical treatment and then process the suspect in accordance with established procedures.
- FELONY CRIME - SUSPECT ADMITTED: All felony suspects will be booked in accordance with the "Hospital Booking" procedure Section L 2924 unless directed otherwise by supervising officers.

ORDER

Effective immediately, all Department personnel shall adhere to the above Duty Manual section.



Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

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