

Memorandum

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 8, 2022

APPROVED

Memo #2022-038

**SUBJECT: DUTY MANUAL ADDITION: L 3304 USE OF HANDCUFFS DURING
REASONABLE SUSPICION DETENTIONS**

BACKGROUND

The use of handcuffs during reasonable suspicion detentions is intrusive and, if used unreasonably, can impact the community's trust in the police. A review of the Duty Manual discovered an addition was necessary to bring it into alignment with best practices.

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.

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INITIAL APPROACH:

Added 08-08-2022

The purpose of applying handcuffs and other approved restraint devices on a person is to maintain physical control and reduce the possibility that a situation may escalate necessitating force.

When conducting a detention, officers may handcuff any detainee they believe reasonably warrants that degree of restraint. However, the application of handcuffs during detentions should not be considered standard operating procedure in all circumstances. Each situation should be evaluated considering the specific articulable facts known to the officer at the time. Those facts include but are not limited to the following:

- The detainee is uncooperative*
- The officer has a reasonable belief the detainee could be armed*
- The officer has information the detainee is about to commit a violent crime*
- The detainee matches the description of a person who is reasonably believed to have committed a violent crime*

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- The detainee acts in a manner raising a reasonable possibility of danger or flight
- The detainees outnumber the officers in the immediate area

Handcuffs should be removed within a reasonable amount of time after it is determined the detainee is no longer a threat and probable cause for arrest does not exist.

ORDER

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



Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

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