POLICY:

As a police agency, there are occasions when an arrest is made and other persons are left behind as a result of those actions. There are other occasions when officers need to transport persons away from locations to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those persons. Members of the Department will follow these guidelines to provide for the safety and wellbeing of members of the community as well as that of the officers involved.

PROCEDURE:

When transporting persons, officers shall make every reasonable effort to protect the individual’s health and safety.

1. Perform a weapons pat-down on all transported persons (prior to entry into the vehicle) for the safety of the officer(s) or other passengers.

2. Persons sustaining physical injuries which require immediate medical attention, or substantially impaired persons requiring special care, shall be transported via rescue squad whenever possible.

3. Persons requesting or requiring transportation for purposes directly related to Department business may be transported via squad car to a specific location, only when alternative means of transportation are not available or appropriate, and upon approval of a supervisor.

4. Transportation shall not be provided outside the City limits, without prior approval of the Shift/Unit Commander.
   a. If possible, the applicable agency (Mt Pleasant PD, Caledonia PD, Racine County Sheriff’s Department, etc…) should be notified of a persons need to be transported home out of the city.
   b. We may transport if the other agency is unavailable (with the Shift Commander’s approval).

NOTE:

- When transporting any persons in a squad car, beginning and ending mileage (as well as the destination) must be provided to Communications.
- The passenger area shall be searched prior to and upon the completion of each transport.

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