



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

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POLICY

The "Bear with Me" program is a positive tool in dealing with children that have been traumatized. Members of this department shall make use of the "bears" located in the rear storage units of their vehicles as situations warrant it.

PROCEDURE

MEMBER

When a child is involved in a traumatic situation, the following steps shall be taken:

1. Determine if the need exists to issue a bear to a child as a calming effect.
2. If a bear needs to be issued to a child:
 - a. Issue a bear to a child.
 - b. E-mail the property clerks so the bear can be replaced.

CRIME PREVENTION/PIO

Maintain an inventory of bears so that they are readily available.

PROPERTY CLERK

1. Ensure each squad's storage unit contains a bear.
2. Upon receiving an e-mail, place a bear in the squad's storage unit.
3. Notify Crime Prevention or the PIO when the inventory is getting low.

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