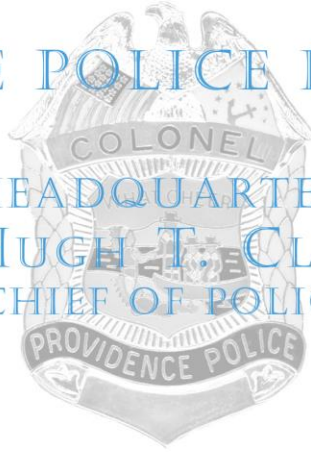


PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF ORDER	NUMBER/SERIES	ISSUE DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
General Order	360.09	10/18/2021	10/20/2021
SUBJECT TITLE		PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DATES	
Interview Rooms		5/8/2018; 9/24/2014; 6/5/2014; 7/4/2014	
REFERENCE		RE-EVALUATION DATE	
CALEA 1.2.3, 42.2.1 (d), 42.2.8		10/8/2025	
SUBJECT AREA		DISTRIBUTION	
Law Enforcement Operations		All Sworn Personnel	

PURPOSE

To establish procedures regarding the supervision of, accountability for, and the safety and security of persons placed in the Department's interview rooms.

POLICY

The Providence Police Department has designated rooms located in the Detective, Narcotics and Organized Crime, and Youth Service Bureaus for the purpose of conducting interviews and/or interrogations of in-custody and non-custodial persons. The Department has established the following procedures in order to protect the Constitutional Rights and safety of its officers and of any persons interviewed/interrogated.

DISCUSSION

N/A

PROCEDURE

I. AUTHORIZED USE OF INTERVIEW ROOMS

- A. Interview rooms will be used for:
 1. Custodial and non-custodial interviews of persons suspected of committing a crime or charged with a crime.
 2. Interviews with witnesses, complainants, and victims.

- B. The only equipment or items to be kept in an interview room are a table and chairs.

II. SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES

- A. The transporting officer is responsible for the safety and security of persons brought to the interview rooms until relieved by any officer assuming responsibility for the individual.
- B. Officers will thoroughly search in-custody detainees prior to placing a detainee in an interview room.
- C. Subjects not in custody will be searched in accordance with constitutional requirements and officer discretion.
- D. Officers will conduct a thorough search of the interview room for weapons or contraband prior to placing someone inside the room and after their removal from the room.
- E. Appropriate safety precautions will be taken while interviewing detainees. Officers will secure all firearms in the appropriate lock box prior to entering the interview rooms located in the investigative areas. Department-issued weapons other than firearms are permissible in the interview rooms while detainees are being interviewed.
- F. Officers must make a visual observation of detainees at least every 30 minutes. At no time will a detainee be held in an interview room for a period of time exceeding 2 hours unless there is continuous control, defined as uninterrupted physical accompaniment of the detainee.
- G. Officers shall limit the access of non-essential personnel to the detainee and the interview room area.
- H. In the interview rooms, officers may handcuff in-custody detainees. Officers will not handcuff detainees to any immovable object located within the interview room unless said object is specifically designed and intended for such use.
- I. No more than a total of three (3) persons (i.e., Department officers and/or outside law enforcement personnel) are authorized in an interview room with a subject except in emergency situations, including but not limited to, situations when a detainee or an officer is in need of assistance.

III. EMERGENCY AND DETAINEE WELFARE PROCEDURES

- A. At a minimum, one (1) officer conducting an interview/interrogation shall have a portable radio with an operational emergency button on his/her person at all times.

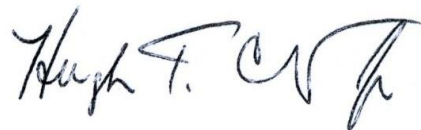
- B. Officers will not place male and female detainees in the same interview room at the same time.
- C. Officers will not place adult and juvenile detainees in the same interview room at the same time.
- D. Detainees will be provided access to water, restrooms and other basic needs by the responsible officer in a timely manner.
- E. Officers will not leave any detainee unattended that appears to be under a significant amount of duress or appears to be a potential threat to him or herself.
- F. In case of a fire, officer responsible for the detainee shall remove the detainee from the interview room and follow the established fire suppression and evacuation procedures.

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