



Section 4/600 ♦ Arrest & Processing Prisoners		
4 / 606	Use of Prisoner Transport Vehicle	9/24/95 Rev 3/5/04
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4 / 606.05 USE OF PRISONER TRANSPORT VEHICLE (PTV)

All tenets of General Order 4 / 605 “Prisoner Transport” will be adhered to in use of the Prisoner Transport Vehicle (PTV). Prior to the placement of a prisoner into the PTV, the transporting officer will check the vehicle for weapons or contraband and will check again upon removing the prisoner from the vehicle.

All prisoners transported to a District Court Commissioner or correction facility will be transported in the prisoner transport vehicle or, at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor, in one of the patrol vehicles equipped with a cage, provided the window and door lock mechanisms have been disengaged. No more than two (2) prisoners will be transported in a caged car. The exception to this is that investigators may transport in accordance with the provisions of 4 / 605 and juveniles may be transported in a patrol vehicle.

The PTV should be used for prisoner transport during special events, during operations where multiple arrests are anticipated or to transport violent prisoners.

All prisoners will be searched and handcuffed prior to placement in the PTV. The rear door of the PTV will be locked to prevent anyone other than the transporting officer from opening the rear door.

Any employee operating the PTV will notify Communications of their identity and destination, which will be logged into CAD.

Even though the PTV is equipped with emergency equipment, it shall not be operated above the posted speed limit and will never be operated in a Priority Response manner while prisoners are on board.

Any officer utilizing the PTV will ensure that the fuel tank is at least ¾ full when completing their use of the vehicle.

The PTV will be inspected on a quarterly basis to ensure it contains a mass arrest kit and that the operable lights and siren prior are operable.

4 / 606.10 AUTHORIZED OPERATORS

Any sworn officer or a civilian employee may operate the PTV to accomplish maintenance requirements.

4 / 606.15 MAINTENANCE OF PTV

Any officer operating the PTV will promptly report any damage to a supervisor, who will forward a report to the Patrol Commander detailing the information known concerning the damage.

Any mechanical defects noticed by any officer operating the PTV will be forwarded to the department vehicle officer via the Vehicle Report Form. The vehicle officer is responsible for arranging preventive maintenance and repairs of reported mechanical defects.

4 / 606.20 PTV PROCEDURES

- Both inner and outer cage doors must be locked.
- All prisoner property should be placed to the rear of the prisoner area in the designated location.
- Intercom must be operating and powered on during transport.
- Rear flood light must be turned off while prisoners are being transported; however rear flood light must be used:
 - a) When loading and unloading prisoners
 - b) While backing up vehicle.
- When transport is completed, all equipment must be powered off in order to preserve the battery.
- Prisoner area can be cleaned with a hose, but vents must be covered while doing so.

END OF ORDER