Transport Procedures

Recommendations for transporting suspects

The following instructions were written by a law enforcement training officer. These are only recommendations but are similar to the methods used by many agencies.

1. Handcuff *then* search your suspect following your department rules and regulations. Suspects should be handcuffed behind the back with the backs of the hands together.

2. Maintain control of the suspect while walking them to your vehicle.
   Place the palm of your non-gun hand on the back of the suspect’s hand and your gun side hand on the upper arm at or near the elbow of the suspect’s arm. This will allow you to apply a wrist lock on the prisoner for greater control.

3. Follow your department regulations for transporting a suspect.
   The suspect is transported on the passenger side of the vehicle in the rear seat.

4. While opening the door of the transporting vehicle we recommend that you put your non-gun side arm between the suspect’s arm and body so that the inside of your elbows are touching. If the suspect attempts to pull away you can hold on with your entire arm, if he starts to slip your hand can catch the suspect by the arm.

5. Have the suspect sit in the vehicle. If you have another officer who can reach into the vehicle from the driver’s side, hand them the tab portion to fasten into the buckle.

   *If you are alone*, after the suspect is in the vehicle, instruct them to look away from you. Place the elbow of the arm that is closest to the suspect on his/her jawbone near the ear with your hand on their far shoulder. This will allow you to control the head of the prisoner, preventing them from moving their head as you reach across them and fasten the seatbelt.

6. You can now transport the suspect.