



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

160 – PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

GENERAL ORDER: 2023-XX
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EFFECTIVE: June 15, 2023

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Nicole Waldner
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ACTION: Amends General Order 2023-06 (February 3, 2023)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): NONE

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

160.15 LEGAL STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY DETENTION

[Wis. Stat. § 51.15\(1\)](#) relating to Emergency Detention states:

- A. A law enforcement officer may take an individual into custody if the officer has cause to believe that such individual is mentally ill, drug dependent, or developmentally disabled, unable or unwilling to cooperate with voluntary treatment, and that taking a person into custody is the least restrictive alternative appropriate to the person's needs. Additionally, the individual must evidence any of the following:
4. Behavior manifested by a recent act or omission that, due to mental illness he/she is unable to satisfy basic needs for nourishment, medical care, shelter, or safety without prompt and adequate treatment so that a substantial probability exists that death, serious physical injury, serious physical debilitation or serious physical disease will imminently ensue unless the individual receives prompt and adequate treatment for this mental illness.

Note: Sections 3 and 4 have been abbreviated and the shift commander's approval is required before initiating an emergency detention under these sections. The shift commander shall review them in their entirety before authorizing an emergency detention. The Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis [REDACTED] or the Milwaukee Health Emergency Center [REDACTED] can provide evaluation and consultation for these cases.

160.20 VOLUNTARY OPTIONS

B. CRISIS ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TEAM (CART)

The Crisis Assessment Response Team is a collaborative effort between the Milwaukee Police Department and Behavioral Health Division (BHD). The team is comprised of crisis team clinicians and police officers. CART will respond to situations when police intervention may be needed. The schedule for CART officers is available on the [Crisis Intervention Team SharePoint site](#). The site also includes contact phone numbers for CART officers.

1. CART can only conduct psychiatric evaluations on individuals 18 years of age or older. If assistance is needed on a call for service involving a juvenile, officers may contact the ~~Children's Mobile Team at [REDACTED]~~ Milwaukee Mobile Crisis at [REDACTED]

~~D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION (BHD) CRISIS MOBILE TEAM MILWAUKEE MOBILE CRISIS~~

1. Summon the ~~Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis [REDACTED]~~ to the scene to evaluate any subject 18 years old or older. For subjects 17 years old or younger, call the ~~Children's Mobile Team [REDACTED]~~
2. Members may also contact the ~~Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis~~ or MHEC [REDACTED] for clarification or recommendations regarding an emergency detention of an individual in crisis.

160.40 RELEASE OF EMERGENCY DETENTION CANDIDATES FROM HOSPITALS

~~C. TRANSFER TO MHEC AFTER MEDICAL CLEARANCE~~

1. ~~The Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis~~ may evaluate the PE-18 while the subject is awaiting medical clearance.
2. If the hold is maintained by the ~~Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis~~, the subject will remain at the medical facility for treatment at their site or arranged otherwise with MHEC.
3. If the hold is released by the ~~Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis~~, the shift commander shall follow the procedures in subsection E after being notified by a MHEC psychiatrist why the hold is being released.

~~E. REMOVAL FROM EMERGENCY DETENTION CONSIDERATION~~

~~1. Requirements~~

~~A candidate for emergency detention receiving medical treatment at a hospital may be removed from emergency detention consideration under either of the following circumstances:~~

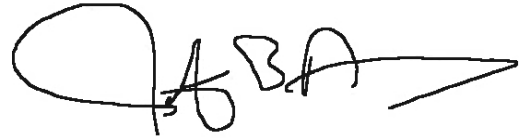
- ~~c. The Crisis Mobile Team Milwaukee Mobile Crisis has placed the individual on a treatment directors' supplement.~~

160.45 PRISONERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

A. POSSIBLE SUICIDES

Whenever a prisoner demonstrates suicidal tendencies or manifests symptoms of mental illness described in [Wis. Stat. § 51.15\(1\)](#), the shift commander of the district or Central Booking Section shall summon an advanced crisis intervention team member to de-escalate the situation. The advanced crisis intervention team member shall also summon

~~the Crisis Mobile Team~~ Milwaukee Mobile Crisis (phone [REDACTED] or Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) (phone [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to evaluate the prisoner. If the mobile team or CART is unavailable and there is a substantial probability that the prisoner may harm himself/herself, the prisoner shall be placed on emergency detention and conveyed to MHEC.

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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