



SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CFA STANDARD: 29 SUBJECT: Prisoner Transportation – TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	NEW (X) RESCINDS (X) AMENDS () OTHER ()	By Order Of:  Rene Landa, CHIEF OF POLICE	

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SECTIONS:

- 30.4.1 Vehicle Safety Barriers**
- 30.4.2 Vehicle Modifications**

RESCINDS: All existing orders in conflict.

PURPOSE: To establish departmental policy for vehicle equipment specifications that will provide security for both officer and prisoner.

SCOPE: All departmental personnel.

POLICY: It is the policy of the South Miami Police Department to secure prisoners safely within the police vehicle during transport, only in vehicles equipped with the proper equipment and safety barrier to lessen opportunities for injury due to accidents, attempted escapes, and for officer safety.

PROCEDURE:

30.4.1 Vehicle Safety Barriers

All marked patrol vehicles, with the exception of supervisor vehicles and K9 vehicles, have a steel safety barrier separating the driver's compartment from the rear seat to prevent a prisoner from having access to the occupant(s) of the front seat. Marked patrol vehicles with such barriers will be used primarily for the transportation of prisoners to a jail facility, police station, etc. This barrier will have a plexiglass portion that allows for communication between the officer and prisoner.

The Prisoner Van has a prisoner compartment that separates prisoners from each other and from the officer(s). Males and females may be transported in the same van but kept separate from each other; adults and juveniles may also be transported in the same van but kept separate from each other.

30.4.2 Vehicle Modifications

In order to minimize opportunities for the prisoner to exit the transport vehicle without assistance of the transporting officer, all marked transport vehicles are modified so that inside door handles and windows are inoperable from the rear compartment. The locks are only accessible by the transporting officer.