

Section 18: Release

Subject: Releasing a Violent/Combative Inmate

Minimum Standard:

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POLICY

Any prisoner who is displaying violent, erratic, or dangerous behavior should be incarcerated at the Erie County Jail for a minimum of 4 hours. After this 4-hour period, and after the inmate has met the criteria for bond, the supervisor or officer in charge will have the option to release the inmate to a responsible, competent adult. The person taking charge of the inmate must act as a co-signer on the bond.

PROCEDURE

- A. Any inmate who was arrested on an alcohol related charge or appears to be under the influence of alcohol must test below .08 blood alcohol level prior to release from custody without a co-signer.
 1. Such test shall be conducted using the Portable Breath Test (PBT) or the BAC Datamaster.
 2. In the event the PBT is utilized, after taking the test the Corrections Officer administering the test will:
 1. Plug the USB cord marked BAC in processing into the PBT.
 2. Open the data 500 icon on the desktop.
 3. Click the option tab
 4. Click clear instrument data afterword.
 5. Click the read instrument tab.
 6. Click on the print button at the bottom of the box.
 7. Place the results in the inmates file.
 3. If the Datamaster is used the officer conducting the test shall attach the printed evidence ticket to the inmate's file.
- B. The following shall apply to any inmate, who has been placed in restraints because of violent, assaultive, or dangerous behavior:
 1. The inmate must remain in custody 4 hours after restraints are removed.
 2. Officers shall continue to monitor and document the inmate's behavior after being released from restraints.
 3. The inmate's conduct must be such that he/she no longer poses a danger to themselves, staff, or the public prior to their release.
- C. Whenever an Action Force Response (striking, punching, kicking or use of aerosols, electrical devices, or less-lethal projectiles as outlined in the Action Force Continuum) are applied to an inmate:
 1. The inmate shall remain in custody until seen by jail medical staff.
 2. The medical staff shall document injuries or complaints of injury, if any.
 3. After being examined by medical personnel and the inmate no longer appears to be a threat to himself or others, he/she may then be released, if bond criteria are met.