Detainee Management Policy

Purpose:

To ensure the health, safety, and security of persons in EPS custody and EPS members. This policy guides members on the appropriate handling of detainees.

Statement of Principle:

Persons in EPS custody are dependent on the EPS for their safety, security, and wellbeing. In addition to the duty of care the EPS owes the public the safe and professional management of detainees. The EPS has a duty to take reasonable steps to safeguard the wellbeing of detainees under their control.

Definitions:

Definitions listed in this section apply to this document only with no implied or intended organization-wide or EPS Policy and Procedure Manual wide use.

Custody – The care, possession, and control of a thing or person.

Detainee – A person in EPS custody, such as individuals under arrest or detention. This includes persons when there is a lawful power of arrest but due to incapacitation, the police have not carried out the actual arrest. In these circumstances, the EPS owes the same duty of care to safely and professionally manage these incapacitated detainees as if they were under actual arrest.

Policy Statement:

Members must ensure the care and control of detainees in their custody for the safety of the public, the individual detainees, and EPS members. Members must treat all persons in EPS custody with professionalism, humanity and dignity, and provide access to appropriate medical assistance.

Community Peace Officers whose position within EPS involves responsibility for detainees must, in addition to EPS Policy and Procedure and Subsidiary Manuals, abide by all related Standard Operating Procedures and Post Orders associated with their post.