
305 - Maximum Restraint

305.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To give Deputies a medically approved technique that places the combative or self-destructive, handcuffed suspect into a position which allows the suspect to be safely transported to a medical facility, county jail or juvenile hall.

305.2 POLICY

The maximum restraint position will be used to control violent, handcuffed individuals who continue to kick and resist. Good judgment and appropriate care must be used during and after application of the technique. Deputy Sheriffs will be issued a cord cuff and instructed in its proper use, emphasizing the safety of both the Deputies and suspects.

305.3 DEFINITIONS

CORD CUFF: Nylon cord with a loop at one end and a snap hook attached to the other end.

HOG TIE: The disallowed technique of attaching the cord cuff to the suspect's feet and handcuffs.

305.4 PROCEDURES

Once the suspect is handcuffed behind his back, and it is determined he must be maximally restrained for his safety as well as the Deputy's, he/she will be temporarily placed in a prone position. A figure-four leg lock will be used on the suspect while the cord cuff is run under and around his/her waist to the middle of the back. The snap hook is pulled through the loop and pulled tight, above the individual's hips. A knot is made next to the loop to prevent the cord cuff from loosening. The excess in the cord cuff is brought back to the feet, which are bent toward the individual's buttocks. The cord is wrapped around the ankles until all the excess is used up and the snap hook is attached to the cord going up to the waist.

- (a) Once the suspect is maximally restrained, roll them onto their side and monitor consciousness and breathing.
- (b) Call for emergency medical assistance if the suspect is not at a recognizable level of consciousness, having difficulty breathing, convulsing, having a seizure, injured or complaining of pain.
- (c) Do not transport in a prone position. Suspects transported in a patrol car will be seat belted in.
- (d) Maximally restrained suspects shall not be left unattended.
- (e) The "hog tie" technique will not be used.
- (f) Deputies will notify their supervisor as soon as practical when the technique is used, as well as notifying jail and/or medical personnel.

- (g) Deputies will note in their report that the maximum restraint was used.