



SPECIAL ORDER



SUBJECT: Transporting Persons Arrested By Special Police Officers	SERIES	NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE
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It has been brought to my attention that members of the department are randomly refusing to transport, to district facilities for the purpose of booking and processing, persons who have been arrested by special police officers. Refusal to provide assistance in this matter places the special police officer and his/her employer in a position where there are no other alternatives but to release the arrested person on the scene or to have the arrestee sign a release and bar order in lieu of prosecution.

Members are reminded that special police officers are appointed under the provisions of Title 4-114 of the D. C. Code (1981 Edition). Therefore, special police officers are subject to the same regulations which govern sworn members of the Metropolitan Police Department insofar as such regulations are applicable to the enforcement of the law.

Therefore, persons detained by special police officers are subject to the same due process of the law as those persons arrested by sworn members of the department, including release via the detention journal in those instances where there is a lack of probable cause or insufficient evidence to support the arrest.

If a question should arise concerning the validity of an arrest made by a special police officer where members are called to the scene, members shall not refuse to provide transportation assistance without first consulting with a field supervisor of this department, and that supervisor shall make the determination as to how the arrest should be handled.

*Members shall attach this Special Order to their copy of General Order 501.7 until such time as that General Order is revised and the contents of this Special Order are incorporated therein.

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