



VIA TRANSIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Procedures



Section 705 Interviews and Interrogations

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.01 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this procedure is to establish safe conditions for interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects and processing detainees involved in various crimes. This procedure does not cover the field interview of persons stopped or detained by reasonable suspicion. Field interviews are covered in Section 509 Field Contacts.

.02 PROCEDURES FOR USE OF INTERVIEWS / INTERROGATIONS

- A. Officers and Investigators, whose jobs require interviewing witnesses or interrogating suspects involved in criminal activities are authorized to use areas around their work stations as interview and or interrogation areas provided those areas are within the secure portion of the facilities.
- B. Officers are responsible for the continuous supervision of witnesses or suspects being interviewed or interrogated.

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H. When the need exists for the recording of an interview and/or interrogation to include administrative cases, the Chief of Transit Police, a Transit Police Supervisor or the Transit Police Investigator may authorize the use of the recorded interview room within the Transit Police Building be used as the location for the interview and/or interrogation. The use and guidelines of the recorded interview room are outlined in section .04 of this procedure.

.03 PROCEDURES FOR USE OF PATROL VEHICLE OR PRISONER TRANSPORT VAN

- A. Officers generally use the prisoner holding area of their patrol vehicle or prisoner transport van while conducting prebooking activities.
- B. Officers utilizing the prisoner holding area of their patrol vehicle or prisoner transport van areas shall maintain constant supervision over their prisoners.
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.04 PROCEDURES FOR USE OF RECORDED INTERVIEW ROOM

- A. The VIA Transit Police Department maintains a recorded interview room for the use of VIA Transit Police Officers.
- B. The following Transit Police Personnel are considered Authorized Users of the interview room:

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