

Mass Arrest Procedures

The incident commander should consider alternatives to mass arrests whenever feasible. In the event mass arrests become necessary to facilitate the restoration of order the following procedures apply. This plan is a supplement to the Emergency Operations policy. The arrest, search, transport, and confinement of suspects arrested will be in accordance with existing Department policies.

- A. Establish arrest teams and determine tactics to safely arrest suspects and remove them from the crowd. Consider assigning an officer to photograph/videotape the scene and participants of a civil disturbance for evidence and later reference.
- B. Suspects should be removed as soon as possible from the scene to a secure holding area. Primary holding area is the Police Department. If the secure holding area is somewhere other than the Police Department, then ensure that it has adequate sanitary facilities and water supply.
- C. Establish plans and assign sufficient squads/officers for the coordinated and orderly transport of suspects from the scene to the holding area. Possible transport alternatives are the use of Milwaukee County Transit buses, MCSO transport vans, MCSO mobile jail, and House of Corrections transport buses.

Contact information to request MCSO or House of Correction transport resources:

Regular business hours – contact MCSO Administration at 278-5065.

All other times – contact the MCSO Shift Commander at 278-4736.

- D. Establish sufficient security at the holding area. In the event that there are more prisoners than the Lockup can hold, officers should consider alternative detention methods, such as securing prisoners in the garage area or in squads. Prisoners secured outside of the Lockup must be under constant supervision. There should be a sufficient number of officers assigned to security to maintain control and address medical and other personal needs. Suspects facing more serious charges

or who pose a threat to officer safety / control should be secured in a cell whenever possible.

- E. Assign Detectives or other Officers for prisoner processing and booking. In the event that normal booking procedures are not feasible due to the number of prisoners, each prisoner will be photographed with the evidence camera. Prior to taking the photo, an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper will be marked with the following information:

- Date and time.
- Defendants name, DOB, and social security number.
- Charge(s) and arresting officer.
- Case number.

The prisoner will hold this document up so that the photo will capture their face and the identifying information. A second photo without the document will also be taken.

- F. Complete necessary jail sheets and records checks to confirm prisoner identity. At a minimum, an NCIC/CIB check for warrants should be completed prior to release or transport to CJF.
- G. Determine whether suspects will be charged State or Municipal. State charges will be transported to CJF. If there are a large number of suspects to be transported to CJF, advise MCSO to determine most appropriate method of transport.