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**CRAIG POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Office of Chief of Police**  
**General Order**

**Date Issued:** May 15, 1997  
**Subject:** Detoxification  
**To:** All Officers

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**Reference:**

**I. Policy**

Officers shall make a reasonable effort to take an intoxicated person to his/her home (if there is a sober family member, friend or other responsible party there to accept them) or to any hospital, clinic, alcoholism center or medical doctor as may be necessary to preserve life or to prevent injury.

**II. Authority - Colorado Revised Statutes 25-1-310**

**25-1-310 Emergency commitment.** (1) When any person is intoxicated or incapacitated by alcohol and clearly dangerous to the health and safety of himself or others, such person shall be taken into protective custody by law enforcement authorities or an emergency service patrol, acting with probable cause, and placed in an approved treatment facility. If no such facilities are available, he may be detained in an emergency medical facility or jail, but only for so long as may be necessary to prevent injury to himself or others or to prevent a breach of the peace. A law enforcement officer or emergency service patrolman, in detaining the person, is taking him into protective custody. In so doing, the detaining officer may protect himself by reasonable methods but shall make every reasonable effort to protect the detainee's health and safety. A taking into protective custody under this section is not an arrest, and no entry or other record shall be made to indicate that the person has been arrested or charged with a crime. Law enforcement or emergency service personnel who act in compliance with this section are acting in the course of their official duties and are not criminally or civilly liable therefore. Nothing in this subsection (1) shall preclude an intoxicated or incapacitated person who is not dangerous to the health and safety of himself or others from being assisted to his home or like location by the law enforcement officer or emergency service patrolman.

**III. Procedure**

A. The Moffat County Detention Center is generally considered to be the Detoxification Unit (Unit). This unit is available to intoxicated persons:

1. When an officer comes in contact with an individual who, in the officer's opinion, needs to go to the Unit, the officer shall:
  - a. Make a determination of intoxication.

- b. If possible, check NCIC, CCIC, and Local Warrants to determine if the person is wanted.
    - c. A medical clearance must be obtained for individuals with a BAC of over .30. The subject must be taken to the emergency room at the hospital to be checked prior to taking the person to the Unit.
2. If the person meets the criteria, the officer shall transport him/her to the Unit. A search of the person will be made for weapons prior to transport.
3. At the Unit, the officer will take the person to the booking area and:
  - a. Book in as a detox hold per Unit policy.
  - b. Furnish other relevant information the officer may have as requested by staff members of the Unit.
  - c. If the jail cannot find personnel to watch the subject, arrange for off-duty personnel to watch subject.
4. If off-duty personnel arrive to watch the subject, the officer may leave the Unit and resume normal duties.
5. In the event other personnel can not be located, the officer may be required to watch the subject,
6. An incident report will be completed detailing efforts made to contact a responsible party, and facts demonstrating intoxication.

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