

1) PURPOSE

This section sets forth the Bemidji Police Department's policy regarding the training, handling and deployment of the WRAP Restraint system.

2) POLICY

It is the policy of the Bemidji Police Department to provide employees with guidelines for use and deployment of the WRAP in accordance with applicable authorized use of force statutes. Any deployment will remain consistent with the Bemidji Police Department's policy of using only the level of force reasonable and necessary to control or otherwise subdue violent or potentially violent individuals, BPD authorizes the use of the WRAP by all licensed officers within this department. The primary purpose for deployment of the WRAP is to protect human lives and prevent injury to officers, offenders and citizens. All employees who are trained in the deployment and use of the WRAP shall become familiar with and adhere to the following guidelines for the WRAP use.

3) TRAINING

The WRAP will be carried in each patrol sergeant vehicle and shall be deployed/used by Officers who have successfully completed BPD's initial and annual WRAP training. All uses of the WRAP shall be in compliance with BPD training and applicable use of force policies/statutes. In order to maintain certification for the use of the WRAP, officers must successfully complete an annual refresher course conducted by BPD or otherwise authorized refresher course. The Use of Force Coordinator is responsible for training and re-certification of all department members.

4) GENERAL USE

- A. The WRAP restraint system can be used to control violent or potentially violent individuals preventing them from harming themselves or others during arrests/detention and transport.
- B. The WRAP restraint system is stored in supervisor vehicles and should only be utilized with supervisor notification and approval.
- C. The WRAP restraint system should only be used by licensed police officers and documented as a Use of Force incident.
- D. The WRAP restraint system shall only be utilized by officers who are trained by WRAP instructors.

5) WRAP PROCEDURE

- A) The WRAP is to be used as a tool to prevent injury to subject and/or officer as well as damage to the patrol vehicle conducting the transport. The following steps are subject to situation and officer discretion:
 - 1. Erratic behavior by an arrestee will require more than one officer deploying the WRAP.
 - 2. The WRAP shall only be applied and deployed as outlined in manufacturer's recommendations and training.
 - 3. After use, the WRAP will be cleaned using manufacturer's recommendations.
 - 4. The WRAP should be prepared for re-use after deployment and stored in the tactical bag.

- B) Subject care and safety considerations with use of the WRAP are as follows:
1. The deploying officer shall inform other officers of the presence and/or planned use of the WRAP.
 2. It is essential to minimize the time the subject is restrained face-down to reduce the possible risk associated with respiratory fatigue.
 3. Officers must maintain verbal and visual contact with the subject in order to monitor condition and to ensure health is maintained.
 4. Circulation shall be checked every 15 minutes.
 5. Officers shall document observation checks on the 15 minute watch form.
 6. Documentation should include reasons for continued restraints, subject's demeanor, removal plan when applicable.
- C) Medical treatment with use of the WRAP are as follows:
1. If a subject complains of or exhibits any medical concerns, seek immediate medical attention via EMS.
 2. Medical treatment can be provided while the subject is restrained in the WRAP.
- D) Restricted uses of the WRAP are as follows:
1. The WRAP shall not be used on individuals exhibiting compliant or passive resistive behavior.
 2. The WRAP should not be used on women known to be pregnant.
 3. The WRAP shall not be used in any public or private setting for demonstration purposes except when specifically approved by the Chief of Police or is part of an official training course.
 4. Officers shall not deploy the WRAP on any subject under the age of 12 or elderly unless the actions of the subject present an immediate threat of death, great bodily harm, or substantial physical struggle that could result in injury to themselves or any other person including the deploying officer.
- E) Documentation of use of the WRAP will be made as follows:
1. Officer's reports must include details of the subject's demeanor, behavior and actions prior to and during the deployment of the WRAP.
 2. Officers are required to complete a Response to Resistance (RTR) when completing their investigation documentation

REFERENCE AND REVISION DATES

A. REFERENCE:

- a. MN State Statute 626.8452
- b. MN State Statute 609.06
- c. MN State Statute 609.065
- d. MN State Statute 609.066

APPENDIX

- A. WRAP Training Synopsis
- B. WRAP 15 Minute Watch Form