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## **Purpose**

This policy sets forth guidelines governing the utilization of a detox center for individuals under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

## **Policy**

It is the policy of the Bemidji Police Department to assist individuals who are inebriated by drugs or alcohol that are seeking help through a detoxification center or, are unable to take care of themselves due to their condition.

## **Procedure**

Officers encountering inebriated individuals will create a case in the records management system. The Officer will make an initial assessment of the individual utilizing a preliminary breath testing instrument (PBT) and make a determination regarding their immediate medical need. The following options are available as a resource or solution.

### **I. Hospital**

- a. Officers encountering individuals who are unresponsive will be evaluated by the Bemidji Ambulance Service.

### **II. Park Place Housing**

- a. Officers encountering individuals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol should check with Park Place Housing to determine if the subject is a resident.
- b. If the subject is a resident, the officer may transport the subject to that facility or wait with the subject until Park Place Staff arrives on scene.

### **III. Detox Center**

- a. Officers encountering individuals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol may contact a detox center and make arrangements for them to pick up the person in need at the hospital.
- b. Prior to contacting detox, the officer must check for existing warrants or may arrest on criminal charges if present.
- c. The officer will arrange for transport of the subject to the Sanford Hospital for evaluation prior to the detox center arrival.

### **IV. Other Facilities**

- a. Officers encountering individuals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol may refer them to other local facilities that will take responsibility for ensuring the subjects safety.

## **Reference or Revision Date(s):**

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