

Medina Police Department

Subject: Juveniles		Policy Number: 2300	Juveniles 2300
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Personnel: Sworn and Non-Sworn Personnel			
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2300.1 - INTRODUCTION

This section is intended to guide the Medina Police officers and to help them meet their many responsibilities and deal with problems in the juvenile field with a better fundamental understanding. Police officers have, by law, certain duties and responsibilities pertaining to children under the age of eighteen (18) years.

2300.2 – PURPOSE

When dealing with juveniles, the overall goal of the Medina Police Department is that any action taken is in the best interest of the child.

2300.3 – POLICY

No juvenile may be held at the Medina Police Department for longer than four (4) hours unless there is an active interview/investigation in progress. After four (4) hours they shall be transported to Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center if they are going to be held.

Status offenders **shall not** be placed into the holding cell at any time, unless there is an officer safety concern. Juveniles will be placed into the soft interview room if there are any adults in the booking area.

All juveniles **shall** be sight and sound separated from all adults that are in custody at all times.

A log must be completed for all juveniles that are taken into custody and transported to the Medina Police Department. The log will be in the booking room and will include the following: name, race, age, offender's most serious charge, time in and out and the disposition.

2300.4 - DEFINITIONS

- A. Juvenile - Any child who is under the age of 18 years.
- B. Delinquent Child - A child:

1. Who has violated any state or local law or city code, except as provided in Minnesota Statute 260.193, S(1); or
2. Who has violated a federal law or a law of another state and whose case has been referred to the juvenile court; or

C. Dependent and Neglected Child

1. A dependent child means a child:
 - a. Who is without parent, guardian, or other custodian; or
 - b. Who is in need of special care and treatment required by his or her physical or mental condition and whose parent, guardian, or other custodian is unable to provide it; or
 - c. Whose parent, guardian, or other custodian for good cause desires to be relieved in his or her care and custody.

D. Neglected Child -Means a child:

- a. Who is abandoned by his or her parent, guardian, or other custodian; or
- b. Who is without proper parental care because of the faults or habits of his or her parent, guardian, or other custodian.

E. Status Offender Child

1. Juvenile who is habitually truant from school; or
2. Juvenile who is uncontrolled by his parent, guardian, or other custodian by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient; or
3. Juvenile who habitually behaves in a manner that is injurious or dangerous to themselves or other; or
4. Juvenile who is habitually in violation of curfew laws.

