

## RECOMMENDATION 031016-1

Revise Directive 870.20, Custody and Transportation of Subjects to contain only policy statements, to eliminate references to “maximum restraint”, to change “might present an immediate threat” to “is presenting an immediate threat”, and to eliminate the use of terms such as “deranged”, “bizarre”, and “excited delirium” from its directives and training

### FULL TEXT:

Directive 870.20, Custody and Transportation of Subjects, should be revised as follows:

1. The directive should contain only policy statements. Since such policy statements apply to all members of the PPB, extraneous and confusing section titles, such as “PROCEDURE” and “Member Responsibilities,” should be eliminated.
2. The PPB prohibited the use of “maximum restraint” in its Tips and Techniques, No. 2015-2, dated April 12, 2015 - “ A violent subject’s legs may be secured together at the knees or ankles such as in the straight leg restraint, but the subject’s legs will not be pulled behind the body and fastened to the handcuffs, belt. etc.” Current Directive 870.20 states that maximum restraints are authorized. The directive should be amended to eliminate any reference to the use of maximum restraints and to specifically state that the use of maximum restraints is prohibited.
3. The words “might present” should be replaced by “is presenting.” This change would result in a current statement in the directive reading as follows: “A reasonable suspicion based on articulable facts that the person is presenting an immediate threat of serious injury to the member or others present if not restrained (per Oregon and Federal law).

The PPB should eliminate the use of terms such as “deranged,” “bizarre,” and “excited delirium” from its directives and training.