

Policy Title: HANDCUFF POLICY	Policy #: PO-3-1
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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish the circumstances, deployment and after-action practices regarding the use of the handcuffs.

Policy Statement:

The Town of Beaverlodge may issue handcuffs during the execution of Peace Officer duties. Handcuffs must only be used in cases where a lesser amount of force would be ineffective. Members must decide using the Pressure Point Control Tactics Resistance Control Continuum, whether circumstances warrant using the handcuffs and then, only force sufficient to obtain control shall be used.

Restriction of use of handcuffs:

1. Sworn members may carry the handcuffs only when on duty as a Peace Officer.
2. Members will only carry and use handcuffs that are issued by the Town of Beaverlodge and authorized by the Alberta Solicitor General.
3. Handcuffs must only be used as a defensive tool and should not be applied to facilitate and arrest unless other means are not available.
4. Members will not allow, lend or provide to any person, not duly authorized by law, to handle, possess or use the handcuffs.

Storage and care of handcuffs:

5. Members will recognize and abide by policy currently in place by the Alberta Solicitor General regarding the use of handcuffs.
1. When members are off-duty, handcuffs will be stored in the secure lockup cabinet. If the member goes off-shift at their residence, the handcuffs must be secured within a locked cabinet while off duty.
2. Members shall inspect the handcuffs at regular intervals for damage and function of the handcuff's at regular intervals for damage and function of the handcuff's components.

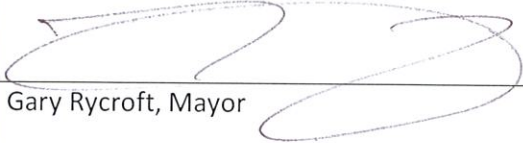

Post incident guidelines:

1. A member involved in an occurrence where the handcuffs were deployed, shall advise the police service in the area (RCMP) forthwith of the deployment of the handcuffs and request their attendance/assistance.
2. Members will provide immediate medical attention if required.
3. As soon as practical, members will advise the Chief Administrative Officer of the occurrence, and complete and occurrence report.

Qualifications and training:

1. Members shall be trained in the use, care, and handling of handcuffs in accordance with the Alberta Solicitor General's guidelines and standards.

2. Sworn members will undergo testing and training, at an interval of three years or as directed by the Alberta Solicitor General's standards.

	
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