

# PORT HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURAL ORDER

		ORDER NO: 01-13
SUBJECT: Diversion Programs		
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ISSUED BY: Chief Joseph A. Platzer		FORMS: NONE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to specify the agencies role in criminal justice and social service diversion programs.

II. POLICY

A. Whenever possible, the department will take an active role in any and all criminal justice or social service diversion programs made available to us.

B. The department, in conjunction with the prosecutor's office, will take an active role in the diversion programs including, but not limited to:

1. Detoxification - Policy and Procedure #41-15 (Incapacitated Persons)

2. Mental Health

a. The department has a member on the board of the Blue Water Counseling.

b. The department has a member on the Community Mental Health Multi-Disciplinary Team. The team meets periodically to address common concerns about the mental health system and methods for addressing specific problems. The team is made up of members of the following groups/organizations:

i. Community Mental Health

ii. Department of Human Services

iii. Probate Court

iv. McLaren Hospital/Lake Huron Hospital/Tri-Hospital EMS

- v. Law enforcement
- c. The policy of the department is to help community members who are in need of the available mental health services.
  - 1) Department members will opt to get an emotionally disturbed person (E.D.P.) mental health treatment/assistance in lieu of using the formal criminal justice system (arrest) to address the problem.
  - 2) The department will maintain a list, including phone numbers, of available services for assisting those in need of help.
- 4. Drug Abuse Diversion (7411 Status)
  - a. No conviction is put on the offender's record for first time drug possession charges if probation is successfully completed.
- 5. Mental Health Court
  - a. Participation and successful completion results in no conviction on the offender's record.
- 6. Domestic Violence Deferred Sentence
  - a. Successful completion of probation results in no conviction on the offender's record.
- 7. Holmes Youthful Trainee Act
  - a. No conviction on the offender's record if probation is successfully completed.
  - b. Ages 17-21 and first time offenders are only eligible.

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