

PORT HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURAL ORDER

ORDER NO: 16-09

SUBJECT: Hope Not Handcuffs – Addiction Recovery Outreach Program		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2020	DISTRIBUTION:	REVIEWED: REVISED:
REQUIREMENTS:		
ISSUED BY: Chief Joseph A. Platzer	FORMS:	
CALEA STANDARD:		

I. **PHILOSOPHY**

The opioid epidemic is severely affecting both our nation and our local community. The “Hope Not Handcuffs” program is a community outreach tool that is designed to give individuals struggling with drug and/or alcohol addiction an immediate means to seek recovery and regain control of their lives. This outreach program is an initiative of F.A.N. (Families Against Narcotics) and seeks to form a collaborative effort between law enforcement and communities in order to reduce drug/alcohol dependency for individuals seeking assistance.

II. **PURPOSE**

The Port Huron Police Department maintains a strong partnership with community members and organizations such as Hope Not Handcuffs and F.A.N. in order to provide area residents a valuable resource to aid in addiction recovery. Due to psychological, physical, and complex aspects of drug and alcohol addiction, initial commitment of individuals can easily be lost within a short period of time. This program provides a critical timeline for early intervention and placement into addiction treatment.

III. **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Port Huron Police Department to offer persons struggling with addiction help through the Hope Not Handcuffs program. Persons struggling with addiction can walk into the police department’s lobby during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. or contact this office at any time by telephone

(24/7) requesting help through the HNH program.

Officers are also encouraged to offer the assistance of this program to persons who they suspect to be struggling with addiction. Program assistance can be offered to those who are found in violation of criminal law(s); however, this program will not be a substitute in lieu of a criminal incident complaint/investigation with criminal charges being filed with the prosecutor's office.

After an individual requests assistance, the officer will facilitate contact with a Hope Not Handcuffs facilitator/volunteer (aka "Angels") to make arrangements for the intake process and placement in a treatment facility.

IV. **PROCEDURES**

- A. For non-criminal incidents, a "Hope Not Handcuffs" CFS/CR report will be completed by the officer handling the referral. The RMS/CLEMIS global reporting code is C3306 – Hope Not Handcuffs.
- B. For criminal incidents involving a request for assistance through HNH, the applicable CR incident report will be completed with the Hope Not Handcuffs referral being listed as a subheading. Applicable referral information and disposition will be listed in the report. Unless probable cause does not exist and/or authorized by a supervisor not to do so, any criminal contact/complaint will be handled just like any other crime with formal charges being submitted to the prosecutor's office. For drug crimes and minor crimes, it is recommended that the person requesting assistance not be lodged in jail, so immediate intervention and treatment can take place through the HNH referral.
- C. The individual seeking assistance shall not be identified and shall remain anonymous throughout the outreach process.
- D. The anonymous individual(s) will be requested to take a seat in the police lobby during the intake/referral process. After the request for assistance is made, the individual will be requested to await the arrival of an "Angel," for transport to a treatment facility.
- E. When a request for assistance is made, officers or cadets will call 800-622-4357 to request a volunteer "Angel" who will respond to start the intake process.

- F. For field initiated referrals, the individual seeking treatment should be conveyed to this office in order to provide a safe environment to begin the intake/referral process.
- G. If the individual seeking treatment seeks assistance on their own (i.e. voluntary, non-criminal contact) and voluntarily surrenders narcotics and/or narcotics paraphernalia to our personnel, the items will be safeguarded within our property system for destruction.
- H. If the individual seeking assistance is in need of medical attention, they will not be eligible for immediate entry into the HNH program. Medical personnel (i.e. Tri-Hospital EMS) should be requested in order for the individual to seek the appropriate medical care/clearance.
- I. “Angel Kits” containing various personal care items will be available at our office. These kits will be offered to persons requesting assistance through the Hope Not Handcuffs program and will be replenished by HNH upon depletion.
- J. Once arrangements have been made for treatment placement by the HNH coordinator, transportation arrangements will also be made by the HNH staff for the person seeking treatment. This transportation could involve a member of the individual’s family, a friend, a volunteer ambulance service that is partnered with HNH, or a commercial transportation service. The Port Huron Police Department will not provide transportation of individuals to treatment facilities. The officer’s CFS/CR will contain all necessary information (what, where, why, and how) as to the events surrounding the referral and the transportation/disposition of the anonymous individual seeking treatment.

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