

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

INTERVIEW ROOMS

Purpose: To define Department policy regarding the use of rooms used for interviews or interrogations.

Policy Statement: It is the policy of the North Little Rock Police Department to provide a safe environment for interviewing suspects and witnesses.

Summary of Changes: New format.

Procedures

1 Operations

- 1.1 There are four rooms located at the Investigations Section building that may be used for interviews or interrogations. These rooms are furnished with digital video and audio recording equipment a table and chairs. The Investigations Division is responsible for authorizing and overseeing the use of these interview rooms. [CALEA 42.2.10f]
- 1.2 All suspects will be searched prior to being placed in an interview room. Personal items will be removed from the suspect's possession including cell phones and text pagers unless authorized by a supervisor. All items removed from the suspect's possession will be placed into an envelope marked with the suspect's name and locked in the evidence storage locker located outside of the interview rooms. [CALEA 42.2.10b]
- 1.3 Witnesses placed in interview rooms will not normally be searched, but may be searched if necessary for officer safety. Unless needed for a specific reason, witnesses should not normally be allowed to take cell phones or text pagers into an interview room. [CALEA 42.2.10b]
- 1.4 No more than two officers at any one time will interview/interrogate persons in an interview room unless authorized by a supervisor. Normally, no more than one suspect or witness should be in an interview room at any one time. [CALEA 42.2.10c]
- 1.5 Weapons are not allowed in interview rooms. All persons entering an interview room will properly secure their weapons prior to entering the interview room unless responding to an immediate need for assistance. [CALEA 42.2.10a]
- 1.6 Suspects will be continuously monitored by audio or video while in an interview room. Members will promptly respond to calls for assistance. [CALEA 42.2.10d]
- 1.7 Officers will not interview/interrogate persons in interview rooms unless there is another officer present in the building monitoring the room. [CALEA 42.2.10b, d]
- 1.8 Persons in interview rooms will be offered reasonable comfort breaks, including access to restrooms, water and meals as required. Officers will keep a log of all breaks, water, or meals provided to suspects during an interview/interrogation. This log will be maintained as part of the interview/interrogation. [CALEA 42.2.10f]

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