

MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT		Department Manual: Policy No. 3.11
Subject: Matron Cell Monitor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASSACHUSETTS POLICE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS REFERENCED: 33.7.2 		GENERAL ORDER 17-02
Effective Date: July 01, 2017	Issuing Authority <i>Michael L. Lyle</i> Michael L. Lyle Chief of Police	
Revised: July 15, 2021		

MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Matron Cell Monitors

1.0 SUMMARY:

The main duty of a Police Matron is to assist and monitor all female prisoners who are being held for any length of time in the Holding Facility of the Police Station. The matron must be a female, and she is under the supervision of the Shift Commander. All matrons must have received a minimum of eight (8) hours training in becoming familiar with lockup, restraint and Massachusetts Suicide Law procedures. **(33.7.2)**

Matrons may also be used during field operations when the commanding officer feels their assistance with female officers may be necessary.

MALE CELL MONITORS

2.0 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 2.1** Search all female detainees when ordered to do so by the Shift Commander, taking possession of all articles of contraband, or that which might be used to affect an escape or suicide, or be used as weapons. Handle all property taken in accordance with established department policy and procedure.

- 2.2** Under the direction of the Shift Commander, be responsible in accordance with department procedures and the Massachusetts G.L. c. 40 s. 36B (Suicide Law) for the well-being and safekeeping of all female detainees.

- 2.3** Communicate all significant information to the Officer-in-Charge.

- 2.4** Accompany all female detainees to court when required.

- 2.5** When requested, work with trained personnel on cases of a sensitive nature involving females.