



OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAINING BULLETIN

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Training Bulletin - Update to Procedures - Children's Village

Beginning October 1st of this year, new juvenile justice reform laws will go into effect. One of those laws requires the use of a detention screening tool before a juvenile court referee detains a juvenile in Children's Village. Children's Village staff are trained to administer the tool. **This will not be the arresting officer's responsibility.**

The tool requires an in-person interview of the juvenile. This interview must be completed before the referee is called requesting to detain a juvenile. The interview of the juvenile can be done over the phone.

Effective immediately, if the deputy believes immediate detention of a juvenile is required, the following procedure goes into effect:

- The deputy contacts Children Village.
- Children's Village administers the detention screening tool -
 - Preferably by telephone or video call at the substation
 - By telephone or video call at the scene
- Children's Village contacts the on-duty juvenile referee and tells the referee the juvenile's "risk level".
- The referee contacts the requesting deputy and responds to the request to detain.
- The deputy either releases the juvenile to the parent or transports the juvenile to Children's Village.
- If taken to Children's Village, the deputy ensures a petition request is sent to the prosecutor's office in time for the preliminary hearing the following day.
- **Children's Village will only contact the referee if the officer is requesting detention. Referees will say "yes" or "no" to that request.**
- Juveniles undergoing a mental health crisis should be taken to a mental health facility, such as a hospital or Common Ground. Requests for detention should not be made.