

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Interview Rooms

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POLICY

Interview rooms are rooms designated or commonly used to interview victims, witnesses, and/ or suspects or prisoners. Interview rooms can be utilized by both uniformed and plainclothes personnel.

- A. No equipment or items are kept in the designated room other than furniture.
- B. Officers may carry their authorized weapon(s) in the rooms while interviewing non-suspects. When interviewing/ interrogating suspect(s) officers will secure their weapon(s) in the area provided at the facility.
- C. To prevent escape or to ensure building security, subjects being interrogated or interviewed shall be monitored and not be left unattended in an interview room.
- D. If there is reason to believe that the subject may become violent or possess a security threat at least two officers shall remain in the interview room. The number of officers in the room should not exceed two unless special circumstances exist.
- E. During normal working hours assistance can be summoned from the adjoining detective work area. During non-working hours any officer using the interview rooms shall be monitored via closed screen TV/ recording device or have their radio available to summon assistance.
- F. Subjects being interviewed or interrogated should be escorted when taken anywhere in the department. In certain situations interviews/interrogations may require an extended amount of time to conduct. During lengthy interviews/interrogations restroom breaks and water should be offered to the subject. Lengthy interviews/interrogations should be broken up by periodic breaks.