



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Date: July 10, 2023
To: Frank Schulte, City Administrator *F.S.*
From: John G. Kosanke, Director of Public Safety
Subject: Hope Not Handcuffs

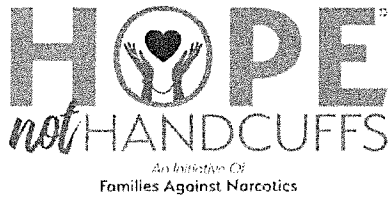
The Department of Public Safety is interested in entering into an agreement with the Hope Not Handcuffs program, which has been adopted by hundreds of police departments across the country. Launched in 2017 by the Families Against Narcotics, the initiative is a solution for individuals seeking help with drug and alcohol addictions. The individuals would be able to come into the Public Safety lobby and ask for help without the fear of being arrested for outstanding warrants (for misdemeanors and non-violent offenses) or for possession of drugs. The individual would only have their record checked for their status as a legal adult and for any incidents involving violent offenses or felonies.

Upon completion of the records check, an officer or dispatcher would contact the Families Against Narcotics call center. The Hopes Not Handcuffs Program has over 600 volunteer Angels, one of which would be sent to the department to assist the individual with getting into a treatment program for their addiction. The program has provided close to 10,000 individuals with recovery resources since its inception.

The cities of Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores have been participating members for a number of years. Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park have recently adopted the initiative and Grosse Pointe Farms has recently presented it to their City Council for approval.

A presentation by Dean Dauphinais, the Communications Manager for Families Against Narcotics, would explain how the program works in detail. He will answer any questions and confirm a partnership with the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety as a participating agency.

A very real drug problem exists within our communities. Our participation in the Hope Not Handcuffs program is something that we can do to alleviate that problem and potentially save lives.



**HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS Program
Protocol & Memorandum of Agreement
for Membership with
Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

All items on the policy listed below are to be adhered to by the participating agency.

Partnership/Membership Guidelines

The following procedures shall be followed:

- Any person who enters a participating Hope Not Handcuffs (HNN) agency and requests help with his or her substance use disorder will be helped if eligible for the program.
- All personnel having contact with anyone entering their agency to request help with an addiction will be professional, compassionate, and understanding at all times. This includes contact with any family or friends accompanying a potential participant. The officer will assure the potential participant that it is the goal of the Hope Not Handcuffs program to assist him or her with getting into appropriate treatment through the help of an Angel and appropriate insurance provider.
- Upon entering the agency, the potential participant will stay in the front lobby or designated area until the assigned Angel or peer recovery coach arrives to begin the intake process.
- The potential participant will be kept under visual observation to ensure he or she is not ill or in distress.
 - If at any time the potential participant is noted to be in medical distress, appears to be physically ill, or requests medical assistance, EMS personnel shall be requested to respond.
- Participation in the Hope Not Handcuffs program is voluntary. If a potential participant subsequently elects not to request assistance or continue with program screening, he or she will be allowed to depart from the agency and no force or threats of any type will be used to detain the individual.
- No questioning of the potential participant will be undertaken in an effort to collect drug intelligence, determine the origins of any drugs relinquished by the potential participant or any other effort which may undermine the intended purpose of this program - namely to encourage persons to seek police assistance in getting help for substance use disorder without fear of arrest.
- If a potential participant is in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia (needles, etc.), he or she will not be arrested. If the potential participant surrenders any of the aforementioned items, they shall be collected and secured in accordance with the agency's policy for later destruction.
 - If at any point a potential participant who has relinquished drugs and/or drug paraphernalia under the program subsequently withdraws his or her request for assistance or elects to discontinue program screening, he or she will not be arrested for possessing the items he or she has already relinquished.

- The agency will be provided with an “Angel Kit”, which contains water, snacks (such as a granola bar), a blanket, and other comfort items. It is the responsibility of HNH to maintain and replenish the kits. Upon arrival, the Angel will request the kit. Please store in an easily accessible area.
- Agency personnel can conduct a LEIN/NCIC check for the specific purpose of ensuring the safety of police officers, civilian law enforcement staff, the “Angel” or peer recovery coach, the general public, and for the eligibility of the participant. If any major assaultive crime or sexual assaults crimes are noted, the participant should be given the Hope Line – 833-202-4673 – and we will provide a list of treatment resources for them to seek on their own.
- Each agency should follow their own internal policies after running the LEIN. All agencies should adhere to the policy that enhances the purpose of the program, which is to provide help not arrest and every attempt should be made to resolve all issues.
- The partnering agency head is responsible for compliance with this protocol and Memorandum of Agreement. He or she shall train all applicable staff to ensure understanding of the Hope Not Handcuffs program, including all policies and protocols.
- Hope Not Handcuffs program participants shall generally not be transported in marked police vehicles; however, in exigent circumstances marked patrol vehicles can be used for transportation if no other alternative is available to the law enforcement agency.
- Under the below conditions the participant may not be eligible, however no one should be turned away without first providing them with an alternative route to treatment.
 - The potential participant is a registered sex offender.
 - The potential participant has any major assaultive crime or sexual assault crimes.
 - The enlisted member is able to articulate a reasonable belief that the Angel or others could be harmed by the potential participant.
 - The potential participant is under age 18 and does not have parent or guardian consent.
- Potential participants who are deemed ineligible to participate in the Hope Not Handcuff program for any reason shall be provided the Hope Line – 833-202-4673 – and we will provide a list of treatment resources for them to seek on their own.

FOLLOWING INITIAL SCREENING AND CONFIRMATION THAT THE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS PROGRAM:

- An officer shall contact the Angel coordinator. The contact information will be made available at each agency.
- Upon arrival of the Angel, the officer will brief him or her on the situation.
- The officer will introduce the Angel (by first name only) and transition the potential participant to the care of the Angel. The officer will provide the Angel with the Angel Kit.
- The Angel will follow HNH program protocols, which include completing appropriate paperwork, assisting with phone calls and scheduling transportation, if applicable.
- Once the intake is complete, the Angel will return the Angel Kit to the front desk.

Hope Not Handcuffs Agreement

This Agreement is effective when signed by the partnering agency head and Hope Not Handcuffs program director for an indefinite term. Any party may terminate this Agreement for any reason, provided that at least fifteen (15) days advance written notice of termination is given to the non-terminating party by the terminating party.

SIGNATURES:

Local Agency Head:

Printed Name

Agency

Signature

Date

HNH Program Director:

Printed Name

Signature

Date