



# Santa Clara Police Training Flash



## Mission Street Sobering Station (Update)

The Sobering Station (151 W Mission St, San Jose, Ca 95110) has changed their policies to include the acceptance of subjects under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or in a mental health crisis (not 5150). The sobering station is open 24hrs and is staffed with medical personnel. The sobering station also offers referrals for substance abuse, mental health, medical assistance, and housing/shelters. **Prior to transportation, please contact the sobering station (408-648-4411) for availability and possible transport.** The following will be assessed by a medical, health, or psychiatric professional.

### Initial screening for all subjects:

- Must be an adult
- Must be able to stand & walk (or if wheelchair bound transfer self from wheelchair) to restroom without assistance
- Must not have a serious medical condition requiring hospitalization when withdrawing from drugs or alcohol

### Medical & psychiatric assessment for all subjects:

- Evaluated for level of intoxication, consciousness, and visible behavior as to appropriateness for admission
- Blood pressure, heart, and respiratory rate
- Cough, respiratory distress, chest pains, abdominal pains, or any medical condition
- History of suicide attempts, counseling, psychiatric hospitalization, medication, mood, or psychotic disorders
- Must not meet 5150 criteria or display any violent/abusive behavior

Please document that a subject was taken to the Sobering Station in ARS for being drunk in public or under the influence of a controlled substance with no criminal prosecution being sought. The Nature of Call should be "Sober Stat", the Offense tab will be "647(f) PC" or "11550 H&S", and the Person Involvement type will be "Det (detention)". There is no need for a Booking Sheet, but a Detention Certificate must be issued to the subject, and a quick check in form must be filled out (Officer's name, agency, date, and time). Return the original Detention Certificate to SCPD Records for filing.

If the subject does not meet the 5150 criteria, has not committed any crimes, and voluntarily seeks assistance; the sobering station is an option. The sobering station does not allow "walk-ins" so officers must accompany the subject to the sobering station and check in.



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