



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Policy Manual

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DEFINITION

CITIZEN: For the purpose of this policy, the term citizen shall include all private persons as applied in MN Statute §629.30.

POLICY

A police officer called to the scene of a citizen's arrest may refuse to make the arrest or detain the person if the police officer feels there was no crime committed or is not satisfied that the suspect committed the crime, or if there is insufficient evidence. The police officer may refer the complaint to the city attorney through a written report.

Citizens making arrests will be listed on "arrest reports" as the arresting person, and shall be instructed by the police officer that he or she will be required to give testimony at a court trial.

If a citizen's arrest is accepted by the police officer, it shall be treated as any other similar arrest. In addition to the normal procedures, the citizen shall sign a Citizen's Arrest form that contains a narrative summary of the facts leading to the arrest.

When arrests are made by citizens, the police officer's discretion and training shall dictate when an investigator is to be notified.