Maryland-National Capital Park Police
Prince George’s County Division

DIVISION DIRECTIVE

I. PURPOSE

To be used whenever a juvenile is charged with any alcohol and/or tobacco violations.

II. POLICY

Officers who deal with juvenile alcohol and tobacco violations should use the least coercive alternatives to taking a juvenile into custody for these violations. Physical arrests and warning notices are alternative levels of enforcement left entirely to the discretion of the officer.

III. PROCEDURES

The Juvenile Civil Citation (DC31) is no longer issued. The Field Contact Form can be used to document a minor violation (i.e., alcohol and tobacco) committed by a juvenile and will not require a Juvenile Petition. When a physical arrest is warranted, an arrest report will be completed in Field Report Writer accessed in Police Mobile (see Division Directive PG1100.0 Juvenile Procedures and the Field Report Writer Manual).

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