

Chatham County Transportation Plan for Involuntary Commitments 2019

This transportation plan has been developed by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Pittsboro Police Department, Siler City Police Department, and Cary Police Department, each a law enforcement agency that handles the transportation of involuntary commitments, in consultation with Chatham Hospital, Daymark Recovery, Chatham County Public Health Department, Chatham County Manager's Office, and other community partners. This plan has been developed to comply with the requirements of N.C.G.S. §122C-251(g) as modified by Session Law 2018-33.

For the purpose of this plan, "IVC" refers to the transportation of individuals in the process of an involuntary commitment to an institution for treatment. A "designated agency" is a law enforcement agency that has been designated by this plan to provide IVC transportation services as detailed below.


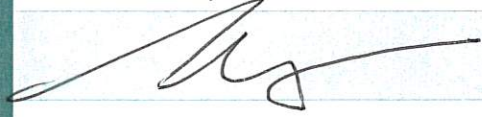
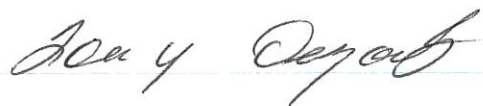
CUSTODY & INITIAL TRANSPORT OF IVC INDIVIDUALS IN CHATHAM COUNTY: A designated agency that takes initial custody of an individual within Chatham County who is facing involuntary commitment under the provisions of G.S. § 122C, regardless of place of residency, shall transport the individual from the initial location where the individual is taken into custody to a hospital or other area facility for IVC examination and treatment consistent with G.S. §122C-263(a) and 122C-283(a). A representative of the designated agency shall retain custody of the individual until the area facility initiates processing, but he or she may remain for a longer period at its discretion based on the presence of potential safety concerns.

The areas of primary responsibility for initial transport are shown below. Each designated agency shall provide mutual support to other designated agencies for IVC incidents that are not within their respective areas of primary responsibility when necessary in order to manage emergent incidents.

- The Chatham County Sheriff's Office shall have primary responsibility for taking custody of and transporting IVC individuals who are physically located within Chatham County, but outside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality with an established police department at the time of initial custody. These individuals will typically be transported to UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill for examination, but also may be transported to other qualified area facilities as appropriate.
- The police departments of Pittsboro, Siler City and Cary shall have primary responsibility for taking custody of and transporting individuals who are physically located within their respective corporate limits at the time of initial custody.
 - Siler City Police Department primarily will transport IVC individuals to Chatham Hospital (UNC Health Care) in Siler City, but may also transport to UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill or other qualified area facilities.
 - Pittsboro Police Department primarily will transport IVC individuals to UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, but may also transport to Chatham Hospital in Siler City or other qualified area facilities.
 - Cary Police Department primarily will transport IVC individuals to WakeMed Cary Hospital, but may also transport to other qualified area facilities.

TRANSFER TO INITIAL TREATMENT FACILITY: Once an IVC has been approved consistent with G.S. §122C-263(a) and 122C-283(a) at one of the identified area facilities, the individual needs to be transported to an initial treatment facility. The areas of primary responsibility for transport to an initial treatment facility are shown below.

Signatures:

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| Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson | | |
| Pittsboro Police Chief Percy Crutchfield |  | 7-25-19 |
| Siler City Police Chief Michael Wagner |  | 30 JUL 19 |
| Cary Police Chief Toni Dezomits |  | 8/8/19 |

This plan shall become effective towards a designated agency upon its adoption by that agency's respective governing board. If and upon adoption, each designated agency shall ensure that a copy of the plan is or has been submitted by another designated agency to the entities identified in G.S. § 122C-251(g)(3), including the Chatham County Clerk of Court, Chatham County Magistrate's Office, Daymark Recovery in Siler City (LME), Cardinal Innovations Health Care (MCO), and the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.