

Medical Community

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**THE WRAP RESTRAINT SYSTEM**

The sudden death of an individual during a struggle with law enforcement officers, in addition to being a tragic event, is always controversial, with extensive media coverage and litigation (criminal and/or civil) against the officers and their departments.

In most cases, the cause of death is multifactorial and complex, and there is often disagreement among forensic experts as to the role of such factors as drugs, cardiac and other natural disease and the effects of the struggle, especially the consequences of physical restraint in the prone position.

There is, however, general agreement that the risk of death is increased by prolongation of the struggle and the length of time during which the individual is restrained physical in the prone position.

The WRAP Restraint System has two major advantageous features with regards to the above factors. It can be applied rapidly, usually in less than a minute (thus significantly reducing the length of the struggle) and, once applied, it places the individual in an upright sitting position, removing any possible risk of respiratory impairment associated with the being in the prone position.

Based upon these considerations (as well as the product's documented track record), the WRAP Restraint System can play a major role in significantly reducing the number of cases of in-custody deaths.

*Frank Sheridan MD*  
1/26/15

**Law Enforcement Endorsement:**



**WALNUT CREEK POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

1630 N. Main St., Ste 451  
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The Walnut Creek Police Officers Association has been associated with Safe Restraints Inc. / The WRAP since its inception in 1996. In fact, we are proud to be the first association to adopt The WRAP safety restraint system.

The Walnut Creek POA maintains a policy of one WRAP per patrol car and we are committed to using The WRAP both in our jail and on patrol. The WRAP's ability to shorten the non-cooperative arrest and control situations, along with the added safety features for all parties involved, are what we count on every day to enhance our ability to keep our officers and community safe. It has been such an effective tool that over time it has evolved as a critically important tool in our line-up of policing resources. The WRAP's ability to reduce injuries for all parties involved, reduce the likelihood for property damage, and limit officer civil liability exposure make it a key tool in our service to our community.

Based on the successful performance of The WRAP we have experienced over the past 18 years, we fully support and are proud to endorse The WRAP safety restraint system.

Sincerely,

Mike Watson

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President-Walnut Creek Police Officers' Association

Drew Olson

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Vice President-Walnut Creek Police Officers' Association

Holley Connors

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**Corrections Endorsement:**



**Shawnee County  
Department of Corrections**

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**Brian W. Cole, Director**

December 19, 2015

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Youth Detention Facility - 401 SE 8th - Topeka, Kansas 66607 - (785) 233-6459 - FAX (785) 291-4963  
Corrections Annex - 618 SE Adams - Topeka, Kansas 66607 - (785) 291-5000 - FAX (785) 291-4930

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

I write to express endorsement of the Wrap restraint device designed and marketed by your organization. After learning of the device from a patrolman friend, I researched the product for possible use in our adult detention center. My research included learning the mechanics of the device itself, the reputation it has where I found it had been deployed, and what liability questions may have attached to the use of it in law enforcement or detention environments. The results indicated it was well worth a closer look.

The information available on your website, and correspondence I had with your staff, presented me with a helpful and detailed understanding of the device itself. Typical to detention facilities, our agency is presented daily with incidents requiring the restraining of inmates who physically resist necessary controls. This includes the need to safely deal with violent resistance, often with complicating factors such as drugs, alcohol, or mental illness. Deployment of alternative restraint devices has historically presented as many new complications as they have resolved. For example, to properly deploy a restraint chair requires careful manipulation of so many points of control; it becomes untenable and can present a very real risk of injury to staff and inmate. The mechanics of the Wrap have proven simple and intuitive, reducing the anxiety of staff trained to use it.

My research took me to multiple law enforcement and detention agencies, where I found a consistently positive impression regarding the deployment and use of the Wrap restraint device. Since the device quickly and safely removes the center of a subject's resisting strength by restricting leg movement, securing an aggressive inmate without the need to apply pressure at or near the breathing structure reduces the risk of unintended consequences to restraint. Furthermore, the use of the simple harness structure relieves the subject from unnecessary discomfort by deploying his or her own weight as a counterbalance while in a seated position.

The use of restraint devices in detention presents a continual and delicate balance between maintaining safety and ensuring security. Unsafe restraints can result in injury, and resulting liability. Restraint devices that are too complicated to use without injury can result in a reduction in real security. Risk of liability has traditionally chilled the willingness to move to a new restraint option that has no proven track record. The simplicity of the Wrap design and deployment, together with the obvious reduction in placing an inmate in any "distress" position, made it a relatively risk-free restraint option.

For these reasons, I am pleased to add my voice to the growing crowd of pleased corrections professionals who have found this new restraint option to be a real solution to real challenges in the detention environment. The Wrap has all the potential to become the option of choice in detention restraints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew A. Barnhill".

Lt. Matthew A. Barnhill  
Shawnee County Department of Corrections

## Independent Study on The WRAP:

INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC STUDY by the IPICD

**“The WRAP restraint was shown to be safe and effective.”**

**“No deaths or further injuries were found after The WRAP was used.”**

John G. Peters, Jr., Ph.D., CLS  
President & Chief Learning Officer  
Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths



The WRAP has been studied by the Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths and found to be safe and effective. Below is the executive summary from that study that can be found on their website: [www.ipicd.com](http://www.ipicd.com)

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System - Executive Su