Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri		Section: 500 Resolution
Subject: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING POSITIONAL/RESTRAINT ASPHYXIA**		**Number:** **98-5**
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WHEREAS, the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri (Board) does from time to time review training and safety issues involving persons arrested or taken into police custody, and

WHEREAS, at the suggestion of the Chief of Police, Board did this day receive formal information on the concept of positional asphyxia and restraint asphyxia, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the concept of positional or restraint asphyxia and the manner in which the topic has been dealt with by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (Department), the Board makes the following findings:

1. The concept of positional or restraint asphyxia may involve circumstances under which actions of an officer are alleged to impede or interfere with the breathing ability of an individual arrested or taken into custody.

2. The concept of positional or restraint asphyxia has been considered by the Department since prior to 1991.

3. It is not improper under appropriate circumstances to control an arrestee or person taken into custody by placing that person in a prone position as long as that person has the ability to breathe and is put in a side or sitting position as soon as the person ceases struggling with the police.

4. The Department has a training program dealing with positional and restraint asphyxia.

5. The Department has an adequate written policy dealing with the concept of positional and restraint asphyxia.

NOW THEREFORE, Board resolves as follows:

1. The concept of positional and restraint asphyxia is adequately being dealt with by the Department.

2. The Chief of Police is directed to continue to train officers to be alert and aware of problems associated with police control of individuals and positional or restraint asphyxia and continue to train officers on dealing with positional or restraint activity.

RESOLVED this 26th day of May, 1998.

Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri

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