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## LINE-UP TRAINING

### Riot and Disorder Procedures

### Topic # 05

*After discussing/reviewing the below training material in line-up (briefing), sworn staff shall sign off as completed in LMS. In the event a staff member is not present when this topic is discussed in line-up, they shall independently read, review, and complete the training.*

*By clicking "Yes" to "Have you completed this activity?" in LMS, you are attesting that you have viewed, read, and completed the training activity.*

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this training is to familiarize sworn staff with procedures in the event of a riot or incarcerated person disturbance within a Sheriff's Department facility.

#### II. POLICY

All sworn staff will be alert for any pre-indications of possible unrest within the facility that could result in a riot or disorder. If possible, this information is to be relayed to the watch commander for resolution to preclude such action. If spontaneous actions by incarcerated persons occur or if resolution has not been successful and a riot or disorder occurs within a detention facility, the goal will be quelling of the disorder in the most expeditious manner possible while protecting life and property of staff and incarcerated persons. Preservation of life shall be the first concern during such situations.

This training is conducted in adherence to [DSB P&P section I.7 - Riot and Disorder Policy](#).

#### III. DISCUSSION

Staff shall review and discuss the following topics and procedures as described in [DSB P&P section I.7 - Riot and Disorder Policy](#) and related facility specific green sheets.

##### A. DEFINITIONS

1. **Riotous Situations:** A condition of riot may exist in the event two or more incarcerated persons assaulting any official, destroying county property, banding together to resist authority, refusing to return to housing units or any covert act which could be detrimental to the orderly routine of the jail. (PC 404(a) and (b)).



2. Various Forms of Riots
  - a. Spontaneity
  - b. Tension (discuss factors that may contribute to incarcerated person tension)
  - c. Racial
  - d. Gang
  - e. Reflection of community violence/protests
  - f. Planned event

**B. PLAN OF ACTION - PRIORITIES**

Discuss how the response team is prepared to address each of the listed priorities.

1. General Public Safety
2. Safety of all hostages
3. Safety of all other personnel
4. Incarcerated person welfare and safety
5. Protection of property
6. To restore order and control
7. Identification, arrest, and legal prosecution

**C. PLAN OF ACTION - COMMUNICATION**

Discuss how the response team is prepared to address each of the listed communication aspects.

1. Alarm
  - a. Immediate communication by staff observing a riotous disturbance
  - b. Notifications to supervisors
  - c. Supervisor responsibilities
2. Response
  - a. Containment
  - b. Direction of response
  - c. Operating procedures for facility

**D. PLAN OF ACTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTROL**

The final objective of all action is to restore order with as little injury to persons and property as possible, and to achieve complete control over all facility activity. As conditions permit, every effort must be exercised to determine incarcerated person riot leaders, and all other incarcerated persons who riot, or incite to riot. Additionally, any other criminal offenses will be documented for possible criminal prosecution.



Staff shall discuss the following considerations when establishing control.

1. Utilization of defensive devices (refer to [DSB P&P section I.85 – Use of Defensive Devices](#)).
2. Conditions for use of firearms and gas equipment
3. Staff safety equipment
4. Facility/housing lockdown
5. Identification of involved incarcerated persons
6. Incarcerated persons not participating in the riot
7. Hostage situations
8. Damage to the facility/housing area
9. Separation of involved incarcerated persons, disruption of groups involved
10. Need for continued lockdown
11. Returning to normal operations