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LINE-UP TRAINING

Escape Procedures

Topic #06

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 an escape or escape attempt by an incarcerated person.

II. POLICY

With the exception of the detention canine unit and the mandates of immediate hot pursuit, detention deputies generally shall not be utilized in a search outside the perimeter of the facility. Coordination of search efforts shall be the responsibility of the agency of jurisdiction. However, detention deputies may be utilized in the search efforts at the discretion of the incident commander.

If the escape is made from a transporting unit, the transporting deputy's primary concern is the security of the remaining incarcerated persons left in their custody.

This training is conducted in adherence to [DSB P&P Section I.5 - Emergency Escape Procedures of Incarcerated Persons](#).

III. DISCUSSION

Sworn staff shall review and discuss the following topics and procedures related to incarcerated person escapes as described in [DSB P&P Section I.5 - Emergency Escape Procedures of Incarcerated persons](#), related facility specific green sheets, and facility Emergency Operations Manuals (EOM).



A. PREPARATION

Preparation involves having a plan in place prior to the event. In addition to detention policy, facility green sheets and emergency operation manual checklists should be discussed for use during an incarcerated person escape.

B. INITIAL RESPONSE

Discuss the importance of a quick but planned/controlled response and use of all immediately available resources. Those resources will vary depending on the location of the facility. In a typical event, regardless of facility, several steps must be carried out simultaneously:

- SC 922.100 - Safety/Security [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

C. LOCKDOWN THE FACILITY

1. Movement will be restricted within the facility. Any movement out of the facility will need the consent of the watch commander. This includes:
 - a. Visitors (professional and social)
 - b. Teachers
 - c. Volunteers
 - d. Professional staff
 - e. Contractors
2. All unnecessary incarcerated person movement will stop.
3. Incarcerated workers will be accounted for and secured.
4. All incarcerated persons attending programs and classes will be accounted for and secured in the closest appropriate holding cell.
5. All incarcerated persons already in holding cells will remain secured until movement is authorized by the watch commander.
6. Depending on the facility, all unnecessary vehicle traffic will stop.

- SC 922.100 - Safety/Security [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



D. ACCOUNTING FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS

Accounting for incarcerated persons in a "CODE WHITE" shall be done utilizing an approved hard count technique. If an incarcerated person is confirmed to be missing, gather all pertinent information for notification.

E. NOTIFICATIONS

1. Notify the Communications Center and surrounding agencies of the facility. Provide the following information to the Communications Center:

SC 622.000 - Safety/Security
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. Watch commander will make all other notifications as they deem appropriate.

F. OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER

1. Could the incarcerated person(s) still be in the facility?
2. Unless the incarcerated person(s) were seen outside the facility, a search of the facility interior must be conducted.
3. Is an escape route known? If an escape route is known, secure the area and remain on scene until properly relieved. Avoid disturbing any tracks or materials left behind at the scene.
4. Are there any known or suspected accomplices?
5. Are weapons involved?
6. Were other events occurring prior to the escape which could have been used as a distraction?
7. Are there any witnesses? If so, isolate and interview them when appropriate.
8. Do they have a cell mate? If so, isolate and interview them when appropriate.
9. The incarcerated person's module property must be collected and secured.

G. USE OF CANINES

1. If available, canine deputies will be dispatched with an armed cover deputy to search for the escaped incarcerated person(s).
2. Allow canines to obtain the escapee's scent from tracks, clothing, and bedding.
3. The canine deputy will be shown the last known location or escape zone.
4. The canine cover deputy will maintain contact with the Communications Center and/or facility via the 800MHz radio.



H. TRANSPORT/HOSPITAL ESCAPES

1. If an escape occurs during transport, the transporting deputy (if alone) will be responsible for and stay with any remaining incarcerated persons in their custody.
2. The deputy will notify the Communications Center of the escape and provide a physical description of the escapee(s), a direction of travel, and any other pertinent information.
3. The deputy shall then transport the remaining incarcerated persons to the nearest Sheriff's detention facility as soon as possible and shall not participate in the search.
4. After the incarcerated persons are secured, they should be kept separate pending an interview by investigators.
5. If an escape occurs when a deputy is transporting a single incarcerated person or two deputies are transporting more than one incarcerated person, one of the deputies will notify the Communications Center of the escape and advise if a pursuit has been initiated. Circumstances such as security level of the incarcerated person, time of day, location, availability of cover, ability to communicate with the Communications Center, etc., shall dictate whether a pursuit would be advisable. Based on the circumstances, the Communications Center watch commander may terminate the pursuit.

I. INCARCERATED PERSON PROPERTY AND RECORDS, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING, AND "AFTER ACTION" REPORT

1. Discuss the Detention Processing Supervisor's (DPS) responsibilities after an escape.
2. The "after action" report will be prepared by the facility commander and will be submitted to the area commander.
3. Any follow up to the "after action" report will be made by DIU.
4. Discuss the facility watch commander responsibilities following an escape.