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LINE-UP TRAINING

Incarcerated Person Death Procedures

Topic # 20

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.

Completion of this line-up training topic includes reviewing the associated standardized PowerPoint presentation and the In-Custody Death Training Video available on the DTU SharePoint site ([#20-Incarcerated Person Death Procedures](#)) and ([Incarcerated Person Death Training Video](#)).

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 of the policy and procedures for incarcerated person deaths.

II. POLICY

Absent rigor mortis or postmortem lividity, all incarcerated persons with a potential for resuscitation shall be transported to the emergency room of the nearest hospital. When an incarcerated person has been declared deceased by a physician the procedures set forth in [DSB P&P section M.7- Incarcerated Person Deaths](#) shall be followed.

III. DISCUSSION

Staff shall review and discuss the following topics and procedures regarding in-custody death procedures as described in [DSB P&P section M.7- Incarcerated Person Deaths](#) and related facility specific green sheets.

- A. Watch commander, or their designee, notifications

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2. Detention processing supervisor (DPS)
- B. Review and discuss additional notifications needed and the SDSO / unit responsible for making those notifications as outlined in [DSB P&P section M.7- Incarcerated Person Deaths](#).
1. Medical Examiner (The Medical Examiner will notify the decedent's family of the incarcerated person's death). Homicide is responsible for notifying the Medical Examiner.
 2. Attorney General – Homicide is responsible for making this notification in accordance with Government Code Section 12525.
 3. The DIS sergeant will notify the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board representative.
 4. Additional notifications are made by the Detentions Processing Supervisor—see Section VII.D of Detentions Policy & Procedure for details.
 5. Consular Corps Liaison Deputy (if incarcerated person is determined to be a foreign national).
- C. Review and discuss detentions staff response to an incarcerated person death as outlined in [SDSO Policy Section 6.33—Major Crimes, Primary Responders](#).

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- D. Review and discuss detention processing supervisor responsibilities following an incarcerated person death.
- E. Review and discuss death review procedures.
1. Mortality Review/medical services administrator review
 2. Critical Incident Review Board (CIRB)