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LINE-UP TRAINING

Suicide Detection and Prevention Part 2 (Overview of Detentions Safety Program)

Topic #97

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 available on the DTU SharePoint site ([#97- Standard Presentation](#)).

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 staff with the Detentions Safety Program (DSP) and procedures to identify those incarcerated persons who may be an elevated risk for suicide.

II. POLICY

Incarcerated persons who are recognized and observed as being a potential self-harm or suicide risk shall be assessed for consideration of placement into one of the defined Detentions Safety Program (DSP) housing options. Sworn staff shall immediately notify health staff and the watch commander of any incarcerated person that presents a potential or actual danger to self, danger to others or unable to care for self. Suicide risk assessment for the DSP will be conducted by the facility gatekeeper. The gatekeeper is a Qualified Mental Health Provider (QMHP) or assigned designee in their absence. This training is conducted in accordance with DSB P&P [Section J.1- Safety Cells](#), [Section J.4 - Enhanced Observation Housing](#), and [Section J.5 – Suicide Prevention Practices for Incarcerated Persons and Detentions Safety Program.](#)



III. DISCUSSION

Staff shall discuss and review the below topics and procedures related to the Detentions Safety Program as described in DSB P&P Section J.5 – Suicide Prevention Practices for Incarcerated Person and Detentions Safety Program.

A. DEFINITIONS

1. Qualified Mental Health Provider (QMHP)
2. Assigned Designee
3. Suicide
4. Suicide Attempt
5. Self-Harm
6. Suicidal Ideation

B. RISK FACTORS FOR DETENTIONS SAFETY PROGRAM (DSP) HOUSING ASSESSMENT

C.

The following are identified high suicide risk factors that when identified, require further assessment by the facility gatekeeper for **CONSIDERATION** of a placement into an DSP:

1. High publicity case with possible evasion of arrest or SWAT/SED standoff with serious felony charges, including but not limited to homicide, rape, or child victim crimes.
2. Severe, life or death sentences.
3. The incarcerated person states they are suicidal and/or made suicidal statements to sworn staff, medical, family, etc.
4. Previous suicide attempts (within the past five years).
5. Staff observation of depressed/emotional turmoil.

Other risk factors that could cause circumstantial concerns and may initiate an assessment for consideration of placement into DSP housing include, but are not limited to, the following.

1. Intoxication/withdrawal
2. History of psychiatric illness
3. First time offender
4. Physical signs of depression (sadness, crying, withdrawal or silence, sudden loss or gain in appetite, insomnia, mood variations, lethargy, etc.)
5. Severe Aggressiveness

D. ASSESSMENT FOR PLACEMENT INTO DSP HOUSING

1. Facility gatekeeper evaluation
2. Determination of appropriate DSP housing
3. Watch commander DSP placements (exigent circumstances)
4. Mental Health Advocacy Hotline



E. DSP HOUSING OPTIONS & PLACEMENT

1. Safety Cells - Staff shall discuss procedures for placements and observations as outlined in [DSB P&P Section J.1- Safety Cells](#).
2. Enhanced Observation Housing (EOH) - Staff shall discuss procedures for placements and observations as outlined in [DSB P&P Section J.4 - Enhanced Observation Housing \(EOH\): Definition and Use](#).

F. OBSERVATION, MONITORING, ASSESSMENT, & CLEARANCE

1. Safety Cell observation and monitoring requirements.
2. EOH observation and monitoring
3. Nursing & medical assessment requirements
4. Gatekeeper observations
5. QMHP assessments
6. Post suicide attempts (if ED treatment is required)
7. DSP Clearance

G. DOCUMENTATION

1. All DSP assessments, regardless of outcome, should be documented in an incarcerated person status report. Meaning, if an incarcerated person is assessed for placement in the DSP and is deemed to NOT need DSP at that time, an Incarcerated Person Status Report should still be written stating why the assessment was requested and the resulting outcome.
2. Placement Incarcerated Person Status Report
 - a. Incident type codes
 - b. Required content
3. Update Incarcerated Person Status Report
 - a. Incident type codes
 - b. Required content
4. Watch commander documentation – (when necessary)