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LINE-UP TRAINING

Contact and Cover

Topic #67

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 principles behind Contact and Cover and general officer safety practices.

II. POLICY

Officer safety should be of paramount concern during every contact made with both inmates and the general public. Policy recommends the practice of contact and cover while conducting safety checks in high risk security level housing, and while conducting pedestrian contacts.

This training topic is conducted in adherence to [DSB P&P Section I.64 - Safety Checks of Inmates in Housing Units and Holding Cells](#), and Line-Up Training Topic #66 Pedestrian and Unknown Risk Stops.

III. DISCUSSION

Staff shall discuss and review procedures related to "Contact and Cover" as outlined in related policy and procedures and facility specific green sheets. It is imperative to understand the roles of each deputy during any contact.

A. CONTACT DEPUTY

1. Who becomes the contact deputy?
2. What are the contact deputy's responsibilities?



[REDACTED]

B. COVER DEPUTY

1. Who becomes the cover deputy?
2. What is the only responsibility of the cover deputy?

[REDACTED]

Does this mean the cover deputy should never take control of a situation or ask to swap responsibilities?

C. COVER DEPUTY BECOMING CONTACT DEPUTY

In some cases, circumstances may dictate a change in responsibilities.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Either deputy may ask to swap responsibilities. However, it is critical that both communicate and acknowledge their intentions to swap. This will prevent the appearance of confusion or indecisiveness which a subject may try to take advantage of.

Time permitting, prior to making a contact, the contact and cover deputies must discuss their roles and plan for the unexpected. It is imperative the cover deputy not become distracted and turn their attention away from their number one responsibility; protecting the contact deputy. If more deputies are needed – request them.