

FORCED CELL REMOVALS

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1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

To provide immediate action and consequences when an unarmed inmate becomes a threat to staff, other inmates, or facility security, forced cell removals will be conducted by trained correctional deputies.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Barricade	Any obstruction or hazard created by an inmate to delay, injure, or prevent staff from entering an area.
Forced Cell Removal	The process used by correctional deputies to remove an unarmed, uncooperative inmate(s) who poses a threat to staff, other inmate, or who is destroying facility property in a cell.
Protective Equipment	Protective Equipment for forced cell removals includes knee and elbow pads, helmets, protective vests, and protective eyewear.
Removal Team	Normally, a group of five correctional deputies assigned to secure pre-designated extremities of an inmate during a forced cell removal.
Restraints	Handcuffs, waist restraints, and leg restraints
Weapon	Any item that is used by an inmate, or that an inmate intends to use, to cause bodily harm to himself or another person.

3.0 MANDATES

Title 15 Standards: None

4.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. If it is believed an inmate should be removed from his cell because he is exhibiting threatening behavior, the responsible Sergeant will be notified to make the final decision.
- B. If a non-compliant inmate possesses a weapon or has constructed a significant barricade, line staff will not be used to conduct a forced cell removal. If it cannot be determined whether or not the inmate does possess a weapon it should be inferred that a weapon is present (e.g. an inmate who won't show his hands to staff) and a SERT call-out will be initiated by the Watch

Commander.

- C. All forced cell removals will be videotaped.
- D. Oleoresin Capsicum (O/C) and the Taser are options that may be used by the Sergeant or other on-duty authorized deputy during a forced cell removal.
- E. Before staff enter a cell for a forced cell removal, all sharp objects (e.g. badges, pens, name plates, and loose equipment) should be removed to avoid potential injury. Protective equipment will be worn by all involved Deputies.
- F. At the MADF, protective equipment will be kept in the Male Special Module storage cabinet located in the sallyport, and in the Mental Health Module cabinet (near the Deputy's Station). "Particulate respirator and surgical masks" will be available in the same locations should staff opt to use them during a cell removal where O/C is deployed.
- G. At the NCDF, protective equipment will be kept in the Watch Commander's Office. "Particulate respirator and surgical masks" will be available in the same locations should staff opt to use them during a cell removal where O/C is deployed.

5.0 PROCEDURES

- A. If an inmate is exhibiting unacceptable behavior, the **Module/Unit Deputy** will try to gain compliance with the use of verbal commands. If he is unsuccessful, he will:
 - 1. Notify the Sergeant of the disturbance the inmate is creating and/or threats the inmate is making.
 - 2. Ask for additional staff to respond to the module/unit.
 - 3. Secure all of the remaining view ports in the module/unit, if possible.
- B. The **Sergeant** will:
 - 1. Conduct an assessment of the area in which the inmate is located, checking to see if the inmate has or has access to any weapons and/or barricades.
 - 2. Notify the Watch Commander of the anticipated removal and call for a facility lockdown to ensure safety throughout the rest of the facility.
 - 3. Assemble a removal team using available on-duty staff, assigning each Officer a responsibility during the removal (including video camera operator).
 - 4. Maintain visual contact with the inmate's whereabouts within the area, advising the removal team.
 - 5. Deploy O.C. or the Taser if the situation allows.
 - 6. Key open the door, allowing the team to enter.
- C. The **Removal Team** will enter and pin the inmate against the wall, floor or bunk. Once the inmate is pinned each **Deputy** will ensure that the extremity for which they were responsible is secured.
- D. The **Removal Team** will place the inmate in restraints and remove him from the area.
- E. The **Sergeant** will determine the location that the inmate will be transferred to, e.g. restraint chair, different cell.
- F. **Medical Staff** will examine and treat any injuries incurred during the removal.
- G. The **Sergeant** will assign one of the involved staff members to write an Incident Report,

including the following information:

1. Reason for forced cell removal.
2. Detailed account of the removal.
3. Involved Deputy's use of force.
4. Injuries to involved parties, staff/inmate(s).
5. Medical attention given (if applicable).
6. New housing location of the involved inmate(s).

H. Sergeant will direct any Deputy that used force during the incident to write a Supplemental Incident Report.

6.0 REVISION HISTORY

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