2-03/015.00 Natural Disasters

Natural disasters create a unique situation for the safety and security of those persons in custody. Occurrences such as earthquakes, floods, etc. can make detention areas unusable. In case of natural disaster, the Building Emergency Operations Plan will be activated. Inmates will be immediately evaluated for injuries, and if necessary, moved to an alternate secure location within the court facility. If there is no safe alternate, an attempt to contact the local law enforcement agency will be made to request assistance with security. The Branch Supervisor will contact Court Services Transportation Bureau (CST) to remove the inmates from the facility. At no time shall any inmates be released without prior approval of the Custody Division. If the disaster is such that the Court Services EOC is activated, all communications will be made through the EOC.