2-03/010.00 - Fire Suppression Plans

Each Branch Supervisor shall develop, prepare and implement, in conjunction with local fire officials, a fire suppression plan in the BEC Manual that includes provisions for regular inspections of lockup areas, an evacuation plan and a plan for the emergency housing of inmates in case of fire. The plan will include, but not be limited to:

- Means of exiting the facility.
- The installation and maintenance of fire extinguishing and fire alarm systems as required by local fire ordinance.
- The storage and handling of combustible or explosive materials and substances.
- The installation and maintenance of safe appliances, equipment, decorations and furnishings that preclude chances of a fire explosion or panic hazard.
- During periods of remodeling or construction, each Branch Court will notify the responsible fire department if exits are blocked or restricted. Emergency plans will be developed to avoid these areas.
- A system for reporting fires to the fire department will be developed which will include the telephone number of responding fire units.
- Frequent inspection of lockup keys and lock mechanisms to assure they will function properly during emergencies.
- Regular fire prevention inspections by the Branch Supervisor.
- Regular fire prevention inspections by the fire department having jurisdiction.
- Records will be maintained of all such inspections.
- A plan for the emergency relocation and/or evacuation of inmates, in case of fire.

At least one Deputy, who is trained in fire and life safety procedures, shall be on duty at all times when inmates are present in a court detention area.