2-03/030.05 Hostages Policy

In hostage situations, the Department will make every effort to affect the safe release of the hostage and to arrest the suspect. This will be done while safeguarding the lives of all persons to the maximum extent possible.

In general, the suspect shall not be allowed to escape, with or without the hostage. Immunity shall not be granted, nor shall ransom be paid to neutralize a hostage situation.

No consideration shall be given to allow an inmate holding a Department employee hostage to escape under any circumstances from a custody facility, detention area, or inmate transportation vehicle. Any exception to this policy must be personally approved by the Sheriff or Undersheriff.