7-03/080.23 En Route Procedures for the Superbus

Unusual activity on the Superbus shall be investigated immediately. If necessary, drive to the nearest law enforcement facility for assistance.

Windows on the Superbus are positioned low. Inmates attempting an escape might try to kick out the windows. Therefore, Superbus crews should be especially conscious of loud noises and any unnecessary inmate movement.

During the hours of darkness, the aisle lights in the trailer unit shall remain on. Faulty lights shall be reported as soon as the vehicle returns to Headquarters.

The three television cameras are strategically placed to afford the Security Deputy a good view of the interior of the trailer unit. The monitor is located in the Security Officer's area, and an identical monitor is located in the tractor unit for the Driver. Since the Security Deputy is primarily responsible for security, the surveillance cameras will be aligned by a visual check through the security screens at frequent intervals. It is essential that the Security Deputy maintain frequent surveillance of the inmates when the Superbus is en route and that the Security Deputy or Driver maintain visual surveillance when the Superbus is parked.

The Superbus is not to be considered as a secure holding area. Inmates shall not be left unattended in the vehicle, with the exception of State facilities, which present unique situations for Statewide crews. If the Superbus is in a secured compound the Statewide crew may leave the vehicle unattended. Upon return to the vehicle the Statewide crew will conduct a count of the inmates and verify the count with the paperwork, to ensure the correct number of inmates are aboard the vehicle.

In the event of a disturbance or medical emergency, Deputies shall not enter the occupied inmate compartments without sufficient backup. If necessary, drive to the nearest law enforcement facility for assistance.