7-01/040.00 Planned Use of Force

Force that is used in response to an immediate threat to the safety of any Department member or another person, or when there is no time to plan or wait for assistance, is considered reactive force. All other force is considered planned force.

In accordance with CDM section 5-01/030.05, “Identification and Classification Symbols for Pregnant Inmates,” and for the purposes of this section, “pregnant inmate” means an inmate that is known to the Department to be pregnant. Inmates known to be pregnant will wear an [REDACTED TEXT] wristband loop along with the [REDACTED TEXT] sub-classification code displayed on the wristband. Their uniform consists of a [REDACTED TEXT] shirt with a [REDACTED TEXT] front side and a [REDACTED TEXT] back side, and [REDACTED TEXT] pants.

Planned force must be used when there is no immediate physical threat from the inmate, no immediate threat of the destruction of a substantial amount of property, no immediate threat of escape, or when waiting for assistance will not affect the safety of inmates or staff. Examples include inmates who exhibit prolonged passive resistance or inmate extractions.

When force is required, efforts shall be made to plan, supervise, and direct force in an effort to control confrontations in a calm and professional manner.

Personnel confronted with a situation in which force may be required shall request the presence of a sergeant or supervising line deputy as soon as time and circumstances permit.

When planned force occurs, there shall be a tactical plan approved by a shift supervisor that is predicated on preventing the use of force whenever possible. A sergeant shall be present during planned tactical operations to approve and direct the use of force.

If chemical agents are used during planned force, extraction teams should delay entry to give chemical agents sufficient time to gain the desired effect, but no longer than needed to gain compliance. Chemical agents, as well as any special weapons and electronic immobilization devices (TASERs), shall not be used against an inmate known to be pregnant, absent circumstances that justify the use of deadly force. In addition, personnel shall not intentionally expose an inmate known to be pregnant to chemical agents (refer to Custody Division Manual [CDM] sections 7-02/010.00, “Pregnant Inmates,” 7-05/000.00, “Chemical Agents,” and 7-05/010.00, “Aerosol Chemical Agents.”)

During planned force, medical and mental health personnel shall be present or, if impractical or unsafe, staged nearby when feasible.

When time and circumstances permit, planned force shall also be video recorded. Refer to CDM section 7-06/010.00, “Video Recording Procedures,” for procedures regarding the recording of incidents with a portable video camera.