Avalon Unit Order 11

Subject: Jail Emergencies and Supervisory Notification Procedures

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this unit order is to establish procedures for the use of the station jail's emergency activation system during a jail emergency.

SCOPE:

Personnel assigned to the jail will be the primary responders to these events. However, all station personnel may have some role in responding to jail emergencies.

DIRECTIVE:

Whenever there is an inmate in custody, there shall be at least one employee, who is properly trained per Title 15 standards, on duty at all times who shall be immediately available and accessible to inmates in the event of an emergency. When an inmate appears to require medical assistance, paramedics will immediately be requested by notifying the on-duty dispatcher.

If an emergency occurs in the jail, personnel may utilize the emergency jail system to request help. The emergency jail system consists of two alarm buttons which are located on the jail wall between cells 106 and 108. When the emergency button is activated, personnel inside the jail will be able to communicate with the dispatcher via the jail intercom system, simply talk out loud from any area in the jail and desk personnel will hear you. In the event of a jail emergency, station jail personnel shall utilize this system as a primary means of notification unless other expedient means exist at the time the emergency is discovered.

Once the emergency alert system is activated, first aid shall be administered by the jailer/deputy whenever such first aid is necessary prior to the arrival of paramedic and/or ambulance personnel. Proper officer safety practices shall be observed at all times prior to initiating first aid and/or CPR.

The dispatcher shall request paramedic and ambulance response for transport to our local hospital. The dispatcher shall advise the Watch Commander and at least one field unit of the emergency in the jail. Available personnel shall respond to the station/jail to ensure all necessary actions are being taken and shall be present to manage the incident.

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