

07-010/00 Armed Yard Security

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Unit Order: 07-010/00	
CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION	Effective Date: 01-01-1998
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NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	
Subject: Armed Yard Security	
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Unit Commander Signature:	Date:

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this unit order is to establish procedures for the pre-authorized deployment and use of the Stinger (sting ball) grenade, CS grenade, 40mm Baton Launcher, Rubber Ball Blast grenade, FN 303 Launcher, and authorized munitions.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to and/or working at the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF).

ORDER:

To facilitate a safe, effective, and immediate response, yard deputy personnel are granted pre-authorization for the deployment and use of the following weapons and munitions:

- Stinger (sting ball) grenade
- CS grenade, 40mm Baton Launcher
- FN 303 Launcher
- Authorized munitions

Yard personnel witnessing an assault or disturbance shall initiate an appropriate radio broadcast alerting facility personnel of the situation. The broadcast shall contain the following information:

- Location and nature of the disturbance
- Number of inmates involved
- Any weapons, if seen
- Type of response needed (e.g., Emergency Response Team, paramedics, number of additional personnel, and best entry route into the exercise yard)

During incidents in the yard, personnel shall give verbal commands, ordering the inmates to stop fighting and get down on the ground. Utilization of the facility's public address (PA) system should be considered.

Communication and coordination between yard personnel shall be utilized in an effort to avoid ineffective or over usage of ordnances.

Once the incident has been rendered safe, involved personnel shall immediately notify their sergeant of their use of force, as required per Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 7-06/000.00, "Use of Force Reporting Procedures."

The designated special weapons shall be checked out of the armory by yard personnel whenever inmates are participating in outdoor yard activities. Those weapons shall be returned to the armory at the conclusion of each shift, accounted for by desk personnel, and verified by the on-duty watch sergeant.

Deputies assigned to work this position shall be Departmentally qualified and authorized to use special weapons. A current list of deputies who are qualified to use special weapons shall be maintained in the watch sergeant's office.

Reasonable attempts shall be made to video record incidents occurring within NCCF exercise yards, as per CDM section 7-06/010.00 "Video and Audio Recording Procedures".
