

3-11-011 Inmate Transportation and Escorting to Hospitals

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish security procedures for personnel transporting and escorting inmates to outside hospitals. Past practice has revealed that the possibility for an escape is highly increased whenever an inmate is taken out of Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) and transported to an outside hospital for any medical procedure other than Los Angeles General Medical Center (LAGMC).

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at TTCF.

ORDER:

Clinic Custody Personnel:

- Shall notify Facility Control that an inmate requires a hospital transfer.
- Shall notify the inmate's module officer, who shall log the inmate's name on the Temporary Movement Log.
- Shall escort the inmate and all necessary medical documents to the designated loading area.
- Shall ensure the inmate is secured prior to returning to their assignment.
- At no time shall the inmate be escorted through non-secured areas of TTCF.

Facility Control Personnel:

- Shall select and advise a deputy that they will transport and/or escort the inmate to the outside hospital.
- All inmates shall be transported by two deputies unless otherwise directed by the Watch Commander.
- The Transporting Deputy (driver) and Escorting Deputy (responsible for inmate security during

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treatment/admission) must remain together until the inmate is secured at the hospital.

- If an inmate is transported by ambulance, sufficient deputies shall accompany the inmate according to their security level. A deputy shall follow the ambulance in a radio car or van.
- A female inmate shall be accompanied by a female Escorting Deputy. (The Transporting Deputy does not need to be the same sex.)
- **Facility Control shall check the inmate's security level and any special handling requirements, print the following information, and provide it to the transporting/escorting deputies.**
 - A copy of the Hospital Security Assessment form
 - A copy of the inmate's LACRIS photo
 - A copy of the AJIS security information
 - A copy of CCHRS complete criminal history information
 - A copy of a map of the hospital facility and surrounding areas
 - Emergency contact information
- Facility Control shall complete a TTCF Hospital Run Form for all injured or ill inmates requiring hospital transport.

Escorting and Transporting Deputies:

- Shall be fully suited, including gun belt, and facility radio.
- For protective vest, refer to MPP 3-03/350.00 – Protective Vests
- Shall return all facility keys to the Tower Control Booth before departure.
- Shall check out a transport vehicle from the Watch Sergeant, logging mileage and trip details.
- Shall notify Facility Control upon departure and return. Example radio traffic: "Facility Control, be advised Deputies Smith and Johnson are 902 Henry (en route to hospital)."
- Once outside the facility, deputies shall switch to the SCC access radio frequency.
- Inmate security is the responsibility of the Escorting Deputy at all times. Inmates shall never be left unattended.
- Deputies shall follow all hospital security procedures and remain with the inmate until properly relieved, or until the inmate is admitted and custody is transferred to appropriate Department sworn personnel.
- If issues arise with hospital staff or security procedures, deputies shall immediately contact the TTCF Watch Commander.
- Deputies may be required to escort inmates to various hospital departments (ER, radiology, labs, etc.). At no time shall the inmate be left unattended.
- Deputies shall ensure weapons are secured in designated hospital gun lockers when required.

Emergency Situations and Escapes:

In the event of any emergency or other unusual circumstance, it shall be the responsibility of the hospital security deputies to notify the Watch Commander as soon as possible. Deputies encountering emergency situations within a hospital that require the inmate to be relocated or evacuated (e.g. fire, earthquake, etc.), shall follow the direction of hospital staff.

Inmates who attempt to escape from custody are committing a felony. Deputies shall take immediate action to recapture the inmate. All Departmental policies and procedures governing foot pursuits and the use of force, including the use of deadly force, shall apply. Deputies shall ensure an emergency broadcast is initiated and that their facility is notified by the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC). The facility watch commander shall contact the nearest Sheriff's station to have a supervisor respond to the hospital immediately and also ensure a facility supervisor responds to the location.

If the inmate is able to successfully escape from the custody of the assigned deputies, the deputies shall immediately make contact with the first arriving local agency's police officer, supervisor, or Sheriff's Department responding personnel and provide them with the information packet.

The overall responsibility for apprehending the escaped inmate shall be with the local law enforcement agency. Department personnel and/or the sergeant at the scene of another jurisdiction shall establish a Department command post with the jurisdiction incident commander and assist the field units as directed by the incident commander.

All Departmental escape response and reporting procedures shall apply.

OUTSIDE HOSPITAL ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS

1. ALHAMBRA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

100 S RAYMOND AVE.

ALHAMBRA, CA 91801

(626) 570-1606

2. GARFIELD MEDICAL CENTER

525 N GARFIELD AVE

MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

(626) 573-2222

3. HENRY MAYO NEWHALL HOSPITAL

23845 MCBEAN PARKWAY

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VALENCIA, CALIFORNIA 91355

(661) 200-2000

(661) 253-8111 (EMERGENCY ROOM)

4. METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL

11401 BLOOMFIELD AVE,

NORWALK, CA 90650

(562) 863-7011

5. RANCHO LOS AMIGOS MEDICAL CENTER

7601 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY

DOWNEY, CA 90242

(562) 385-7111

6. ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER

3630 E IMPERIAL HWY,

LYNWOOD, CA 90262

(310) 900-8900

7. ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER

1050 LINDEN AVE.

LONG BEACH, CA 90813

(562) 491-9000

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8. WHITE MEMORIAL

1701 E CESARE CHAVEZ AVE

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90033

(323) 268-5000

9. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90059

(424) 338-8000

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