



## **YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY OPERATIONS ORDER**

### **Use of Force – Title 15 Section 1357**

#### **Purpose and Scope**

This Operations Order shall be used in conjunction with, but does not supersede, the Use of Force General Order. Officers assigned to the YDF shall also comply with the [Use of Force General Order](#).

#### **Affected Personnel**

All sworn officers assigned to the Youth Detention Facility

#### **Authority**

Administrative Directive

California Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15 Sections 1302, 1357, 1363

California Penal Code Sections 296, 298.1, 3407, 6030(f)

California Welfare & Institutions Code Section 222

#### **Effective Date**

Upon completion of training on this order and the Use of Force General Order and receipt of signed acknowledgment form

#### **Definitions**

**De-escalation:** in regard to use of force, de-escalation refers to the use and application of efforts and techniques, including conflict resolution, to discourage, decrease or prevent threatening, disruptive or violent behavior.<sup>1</sup>

**Mechanical Restraint:** a device that restricts the normal movement and function of the body or portion of the body.

**Non-Compliant Situation:** a situation in which a reasonable officer would conclude from the available information that immediate use of force is not necessary.

**Pregnant Resident:** a resident who is known to be pregnant.

**Resident:** any person who is in custody at the YDF. This person may be a minor under the age of 18 or a person over 18 years of age. This includes persons whose cases are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and adult court.

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<sup>1</sup> California Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15 Section 1302

**Room Extraction:** the forceful removal of a resident from a room. <sup>2</sup>

**Staff Switching:** the technique of attempting to gain a resident's compliance through counseling while using different officers.

## **I. Non-Compliant Situations**

- A. Non-compliant situations have the potential to escalate to use of force situations in a rapid and dynamic fashion. It is imperative for the safety and security of the institution that all staff recognize these escalating situations and take reasonable action, including the use of reasonable force, in a timely manner.
- B. Officers shall attempt to de-escalate incidents without force whenever reasonably practicable, including when residents are non-compliant.
- C. Officers shall initiate the following procedures during a non-compliant situation:
  1. Record using a camera or video capable device (as provided by the Department) as soon as possible, except in situations in which the resident refuses program (e.g., school and meal refusals);
  2. Notify and brief the supervisor or Watch Commander by providing background information (e.g., resident(s) involved, location in unit, etc.);
  3. Attempt to use alternatives to force.
- D. In response to a non-compliant situation, supervisors shall:
  1. Assess the situation, advise and/or respond; and
  2. Confirm a post-crisis interview has been conducted with involved resident(s).

## **II. Room Extractions**

- A. A room extraction shall be considered a last resort and must be authorized by a supervisor.
- B. Prior to conducting a room extraction, staff should attempt intervention methods to de-escalate the resident and gain compliance, including verbal counseling, staff switching, unit mentors (if applicable), and referral to mental health staff as safety and security permits.
- C. The supervisor shall identify officers to assist, their roles and responsibilities, and formulate a plan for extraction. The supervisor shall designate a room for relocation.
- D. Officer assignments should include, but are not limited to:
  - Camera operator
  - Door operator
  - 1<sup>st</sup> officer in (with shield if applicable)
  - Officer responsible for left side
  - Officer responsible for right side

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<sup>2</sup> California Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15 Section 1302

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- Officer responsible for lower extremity
  - Officer responsible for keying door will apply restraints once compliant
- E. The camera operator will begin recording before extraction is initiated and shall:
1. State the date, time, location and resident's name;
  2. Attempt to record efforts to de-escalate the resident, the final admonishment to gain compliance, any behaviors the resident may be exhibiting, any use of force, the handcuffing of the resident, removal of the resident from the room and living unit, relocation, and removal of handcuffs;
  3. Video record continuously until directed to stop by the supervisor; and
  4. Not participate in or narrate the cell extraction so as to not interfere with recording the incident.
- F. In accordance with training, potential hazards should be considered prior to a room extraction.
- G. Following a room extraction, the supervisor shall conduct a debrief with all officers involved and the following shall occur:
1. All involved officers shall document their actions in an Institutional Incident Report (IIR);
  2. The supervisor shall attach all video captured to the IIR;
  3. Medical staff shall be notified to evaluate the resident involved;
  4. Mental health staff shall be notified to evaluate the resident involved; and
  5. A due process hearing shall be offered and the results documented in an IIR.

### **III. Use of Force in Special Situations**

- A. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 298.1, reasonable force may be used to collect blood specimens, saliva samples, or thumb or palm print impressions from individuals who, after written or oral request, refuse to provide them.<sup>3</sup>
1. Situations where a resident refuses to provide a specimen, sample, or impression pursuant to Section 296 of the California Penal Code shall be handled as non-compliant.
  2. Efforts to secure voluntary compliance shall be documented and include an advisement of the legal obligation to provide the requisite specimen, sample, or impression and the consequences of refusal.
  3. Any resident who refuses to comply with this section may be referred back to Juvenile Court.
  4. Force shall not be used without the prior written authorization of the supervisor. The authorization shall reflect that the resident was asked to provide the requisite specimen, sample, or impression and refused.
  5. Officers shall not use force to assist in the blood draw of a resident without a court order providing such direction.

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<sup>3</sup> California Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15 Section 1363  
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- B. If a resident refuses to be subject to a lawful search, it shall be handled as a non-compliant situation.
  - 1. If the resident continues to refuse to be subject to the lawful search, where officers have made reasonable efforts to gain compliance and options described in this order have been exhausted, use of force may be authorized by the supervisor overseeing the incident, when necessary and appropriate.
  
- C. Reasonable force may be authorized to remove clothing from a resident who has actively demonstrated self-injurious behavior with their own clothing.
  - 1. Use of force in these situations shall only be authorized by the supervisor overseeing the incident when it has been determined that removing the resident's clothing is the last viable option to stop self-injurious behavior and ensure the resident's safety.
  - 2. If a resident's clothing is removed to stop self-injurious behavior, the resident shall be provided with a suicide prevention gown (SPG).
  - 3. Force shall never be used to place a resident in a SPG.
  
- D. Limitations on Pregnant Residents<sup>4</sup>
  - 1. Upon confirmation of pregnancy, a supervisor shall advise the resident of the standards and policies governing pregnant residents and document such advisement in a chronological entry.
  - 2. The least restrictive interventions, including de-escalation and verbal interventions, shall be used to minimize the use of force on pregnant residents. Oleoresin capsicum (OC) should be used only as a last resort.
  - 3. Mechanical Restraints:
    - a. A pregnant resident or resident in recovery after delivery shall not be restrained by use of leg irons, waist chains, or handcuffs behind the body.
    - b. A pregnant resident in labor, during delivery, or in recovery after delivery, shall not be restrained by the wrists, ankles, or both, unless deemed necessary for the safety and security of the resident, the staff, or the public.
    - c. Restraints shall be removed when a professional who is currently responsible for the medical care of a pregnant resident during a medical emergency, labor, delivery, or recovery after delivery determines that the removal of restraints is medically necessary.

#### **IV. Use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray<sup>5</sup>**

- A. OC shall only be used when there is an imminent threat to a resident's safety or the safety of others, and only when de-escalation efforts have been unsuccessful or are not reasonably possible.
  
- B. When feasible, officers shall issue a verbal warning prior to deploying OC.
  
- C. The facts and circumstances of an incident may dictate a facial swipe or re-deployment of the OC.

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<sup>4</sup> Penal Code §3407 and 6030(f), W&I Code §222

<sup>5</sup> California Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15 Section 1357(b)

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- D. Following deployment of OC, officers shall not leave a resident unattended until the resident is decontaminated or is no longer suffering the effects of the OC.
- E. Officers shall provide aftercare for any exposure as follows as soon as practicable:
  - Remove the resident(s) from the contaminated area
  - Decontaminate the resident(s)
  - Flush contaminated area with cool water
  - Remove all contaminated clothing
  - Seek care from medical staff and refer the resident(s) to mental health staff
  - Re-issue clean clothing
  - Document in an IIR all reasons for delay in providing aftercare

### **V. Supervisor Responsibilities**

- A. In response to a use of force incident, a supervisor shall:
  - 1. Respond as soon as practicable;
  - 2. Ensure medical staff are notified following the incident;
  - 3. Ensure mental health staff are notified following any application of OC. Should a mental health staff not be present, ensure a mental health referral is completed on the resident's behalf;
  - 4. Conduct a de-brief with officers involved in the incident; and
  - 5. Confirm a post-crisis interview has been conducted with involved resident(s).
- B. The Watch Commander shall respond to a use of force incident in accordance with the [YDF Watch Commander policy](#). Following use of force incidents, the Watch Commander shall notify the resident's parent or legal guardian.

### **VI. Documentation**

- A. Officers not involved in the incident shall conduct a recorded post-incident interview with the involved resident(s) following all use of force incidents.
- B. All incidents involving use of force shall be documented in an IIR by the officer(s) involved and reviewed by a supervisor in accordance with the [Reporting of Incidents Title 15 Section 1362 Operational Order](#).

### **VII. Use of Force Review**

- A. There shall be administrative and supervisory review of all incidents involving the use of force.
- B. Follow-up actions will be taken, as deemed necessary and appropriate, based on such review.
- C. The responding supervisor or Watch Commander should debrief any use of force with involved officers.

**VIII. Training<sup>6</sup>**

- A. All officers assigned to the YDF shall receive initial and update training, at least bi-annually, in use of force and OC that addresses:
  - 1. Known medical and behavioral health conditions that would contraindicate certain types of force;
  - 2. Acceptable OC and the methods of application;
  - 3. Signs or symptoms that should result in immediate referral to medical or behavioral health;
  - 4. Instruction on the constitutional limitations of use of force; and
  - 5. Physical training force options that may require the use of perishable skills.
  
- B. An officer working at the YDF shall apply only those use of force techniques in which the officer has received Department-approved training.

**Attachments/Resources**

California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (2020) (POST). POST Use of Force Standards and Guidelines.

**Amends/Replaces** - Use of Force – Title 15 Section 1357 (Revised 3/8/2020)

**Authorized By**  **Date** 10/1/21  
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<sup>6</sup> California Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15 Section 1357(c)  
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