



San Diego County Sheriff's Department



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Susan N. Youngflesh, Board Chairperson
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board
555 West Beech Street, Suite 505
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CLERB CASE NUMBER: 20-014

Dear Chairperson Youngflesh,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization and in-custody deaths. We continuously strive to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

On April 13, 2021, CLERB recommended policy changes related to San Diego County Sheriff's Department Detention's Policy and Procedure. A review of Sheriff's Policies, specifically DSB I.83 Extraction Procedures were looked at by CLERB. CLERB specifically recommended the Sheriff's Manual of Policies and Procedures, where applicable, to include the below changes:

1. CLERB recommends that the wording of the Policy Section in SDSD DSB P&P I.83 clearly define a cell extraction as a "planned" event, as without the official planning component, two verbal warnings are not required, a safety deputy tasked solely with monitoring the health and safety of the inmate is not required, and the recording of the event is not required when attempting to "extract" an inmate from a cell or other area of the facility. Without planning, any subsequent use of force is simply a use of force without the extra precautions required for a "cell extraction."

We agree with the recommendation to clearly define cell extractions as a "planned" event and have modified Detention Services Bureau Policy and Procedure section I.83. It now reads in part: Cell extractions are planned tactical operations, performed under the direct supervision of the watch commander or designee, using approved techniques and equipment. Safety will be the priority in planning tactics for extractions. The use of physical force to extract an inmate(s) from a cell or other area of the detention facility will only be used when the inmate(s) refuses to follow lawful orders, presents a danger to themselves, a danger to others, or causes property damage.

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In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. We would like to thank you for your service to the Citizens of San Diego County and the policy recommendations. It is our goal to provide the "Highest quality public safety services" to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. GORE, SHERIFF



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DATE:	SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
NUMBER:	I.83
SUBJECT:	EXTRACTION PROCEDURES
RELATED SECTIONS:	<u>I.51, I.70, I.85, I.89, I.93</u> , SDSD P&P SECTION 6.48, ADDENDUM F

PURPOSE

To establish procedures in the event of an occurrence within a Sheriff's Department facility which requires the extraction of inmates from cells, modules, or other areas within the facility.

POLICY

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PROCEDURE

- I. Efforts will be made to stabilize and resolve the incident through de-escalation, with the ultimate goal of gaining voluntary compliance.
 - A. De-escalation does not require that a deputy risk their safety or the safety of the public.
 - B. De-escalation techniques should only be used when it is safe and feasible to do so.
 - C. When time safely permits, a PERT trained deputy or qualified mental health provider may be summoned for intervention.
- II. Involved inmates must be given at least two verbal warnings to comply with orders prior to extraction. At least one of these warnings should be from the watch commander or designee on the scene.
- III. Extraction operations will only be deployed with sufficient personnel and equipment to assure reasonable staff safety.
 - A. During an extraction, a safety deputy shall be assigned. The safety deputy's sole responsibility is to monitor the health and safety of the inmate being extracted.
 - B. In areas of small spaces, and when safe to do so, the inmate should be moved to a larger area so the safety deputy can monitor the inmate.
- IV. Extractions will be conducted in accordance with department policy, using only that force which is objectively reasonable for the circumstances at the time.

- V. Whenever possible, the watch commander or designee will have the cell extraction event digitally recorded.
 - A. The recording should include all de-escalation efforts by custody and/or health staff.
 - B. The recording will be attached to the appropriate NetRMS report.
- VI. Health staff will, upon notification by sworn staff, respond and standby with emergency response equipment. If signs or symptoms of excited delirium are present, paramedics shall be called prior to initiating the cell extraction.
- VII. Extractions will not normally be conducted in the case of an inmate's refusal to attend an "Order to Show Cause" hearing (refer to Detention Services Bureau Policies and Procedures section I.51).