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STATEMENT OF POLICY

This policy describes the process to be followed when responding to inmate disturbances.

AUTHORITIES

Criminal Code: ss. 2, 25, 26, 32, 33, 63 – 69

Corrections Act, 2009: ss. 2, 14, 15,19

DEFINITIONS

Inmate disturbance: anything that disrupts the normal routine of a correctional centre and can encompass a variety of incidents ranging in severity.

Disturbing the peace tumultuously: a disturbance in which there is an atmosphere of actual or constrictive force or violence.

Major disturbance: anything that creates a major disruption to the normal routine of a correctional centre. A major disturbance encompasses a variety of incidents, with a riot being considered one type of major disturbance. (Note: not all disturbances are riots, but all riots are disturbances. Other examples include: incidents causing major damage, large activation/deployment of use of force team).

Planned uses of force: refers to a range of strategies for use of force situations that allow for a planned response. These include Rapid Response, Cell Entry, and Crowd Control protocols.

Riot: an unlawful assembly that has begun to disturb the peace tumultuously.

Unlawful assembly: an assembly of three or more persons who, with intent to carry out any common purpose, assemble in such a manner or so conduct themselves when they are assembled as to cause persons in the vicinity of the assembly to fear, on reasonable grounds, that they will disturb the peace tumultuously or will by that assembly needlessly and without reasonable cause provoke others to disturb the peace tumultuously.

PROVISIONS

- The Person in Charge of a correctional centre will establish and maintain training, equipment and facilities for the prevention and resolution of disturbances.
- 2. The Person in Charge will ensure that all correctional officers receive use of force training in Rapid Response, Cell Entry, and Crowd Control techniques, and are

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properly equipped to effectively and appropriately respond in the event of inmate disturbances.

- 3. All staff in a correctional centre will receive training in responding to inmate disturbances and other planned uses of force.
- 4. Training for staff in planned uses of force, including crowd control responses to disturbances, will include at a minimum, the following:
 - 4.1.
 4.2.
 4.3.
 4.4.
 4.5.
 4.6.
- 5. Action taken to end a disturbance must:
 - 5.1. consider the principle of least restrictive measures;
 - 5.2. attempt to negotiate a non-violent resolution if there is no urgency to act;
 - 5.3.
 - 5.4. use the least level of force required under the circumstances to achieve the objectives, consistent with the *Act* and the *Criminal Code*.
- 6. Actions during inmate disturbances will endeavor to isolate and contain the disturbance to a single area and group of inmates through the following, in order of priority:



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- 7. Not all of the actions referred to in section 6 will be proportionate or required in every situation, depending on the nature of the disturbance. In assessing which actions are required, consideration must be given to the principle of least restrictive measures.
- 8. The Person in Charge will report inmate disturbances to the relevant authorities as set out in Policy B 1.1 Emergencies Notification and Approval Table as well as to the Director, Corrections, in accordance with Policy B 1.1.1 Notification of the Director, Corrections.

RELATED POLICIES & DIRECTIVES

- B 1.1.1 Notification of the Director, Corrections
- B 1.1 Emergencies Notification and Approval Table
- B 2.1 Use of Force: Authorities and Considerations
- G 2.4 Use of Force Report form
- G 3.2 Emergency Contingency Plan Manual: 4.A.1 Disturbance, 4.A.1.1 Tactical Entry Points, 4.A.2 Cell Entry, 4.A.2.1 Cell Entry Checklist, 4.A.3 Rapid Response Protocol

HISTORY