



D. C. CHILDREN'S CENTER - ESCAPE PROCEDURES

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I. DEFINITION

The Department of Human Services, Youth Services Administration, of the government of the District of Columbia, operates and oversees the District of Columbia Children's Center (the "Center"), which is also known as the Oak Hill Youth Center at Laurel, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

II. JURISDICTION

The District of Columbia Department of Human Services, United States Park Police, Anne Arundel County Police, Fort George G. Meade Provost Marshal (Military Police), Maryland State Police, Howard County Police, Laurel City Police, Prince George's County Police, National Security Agency Police, and the Patuxent Institution collectively are responsible for the prompt and effective apprehension and return of escapees from the D.C. Children's Center.

III. PRIMARY JURISDICTION

The primary law enforcement agency charged with providing law enforcement services to the Center is the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department, and all other law enforcement agencies responding to escape incidents from the Center may provide aid to the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

IV. ESCAPE PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be followed upon each escape from the Center:

A. Escape Notification

Upon becoming aware of an escape from the Center, the Oak Hill Superintendent, or his/her designee ("Center Officials"), will immediately notify the United States Park Police, the Fort George G. Meade Provost Marshal's Office, the Anne Arundel County Police Department, the Maryland State Police, the Laurel City Police Department, the Howard County Department of Police, the Prince George's County Police Department, and the National Security Agency Security Operations Center and provide each office information as to the number and identity of the escapees, their physical descriptions, their criminal or delinquency history, photographs, and their last known direction and method of travel as soon as the data is available.

Immediately afterwards, Center Officials will notify the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia Office of Emergency Preparedness, 24 hour Executive Command, and the Communications Center.

B. Police Response

The District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department or its' designee will make an initial determination as to whether or not the resources of supporting agencies are needed. If Anne Arundel County Police are needed, Oak Hill Center Officials will immediately set up a command post at the facility from which the escapes occurred, and thereafter assist law enforcement agencies with search and apprehension operations. The purpose of the command post is to facilitate the immediate transfer of information regarding location, direction, and description of the escapees to the law enforcement agencies involved in the search. All apprehension efforts will be coordinated and directed from the command post.

Upon receiving a request for assistance from the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department or its' designee, Communications will notify the Western District platoon commander who will designate a sergeant to respond to the command post.

The sergeant will assess the situation and request a sufficient number of patrol officers to conduct search activities in Anne Arundel County. Officers from other patrol districts will be made available, at the direction of the Western District platoon commander, either for search activities or to supplement routine Western District patrol operations while the search is in progress.

C. Apprehensions

Apprehended escapees from the Center shall be detained and held for pickup by Center representatives at the site of detainment, unless they have committed other crimes subsequent to their escape, or will be prosecuted for the escape, and are lawfully detained elsewhere. The apprehending jurisdiction may process and interview escapees prior to returning them to the custody of the Center. The apprehending party will promptly notify the Center as soon as each apprehension is made.

V. PROPONENT UNIT: *Patrol Services* Bureau.

VI. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 106.1, dated 10-15-03.