



ESCAPES

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I. PURPOSE

This directive describes the procedures to be followed when a prisoner escapes from lawful confinement.

II. CUSTODIAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Whenever a prisoner escapes from a police facility, police vehicle, prisoner transport vehicle, or other location of custody, the person last having custody of the prisoner will immediately broadcast a lookout with the following information:

- A. Exact location of escape & last known direction of travel.
- B. Name of prisoner, full physical & clothing description.
- C. Dangerousness of prisoner; any known weapons.
- D. Prisoner's last known home address & any possible destinations.
- E. Reason prisoner was in custody.

The employee will then notify a patrol supervisor in the area where the escape occurred.

III. PATROL SUPERVISOR

The patrol supervisor is responsible for directing the search for the escapee. Responsibilities include:

- A. Directing additional personnel to the scene or to specific locations. This can include requesting additional personnel from other districts.
- B. Requesting specialized units such as helicopter support, K-9, SOS, and the Evidence Collection Unit.
- C. Directing officers to the escapee's home and to addresses of relatives, friends, or other locations that the escapee may frequent.
- D. Sealing buildings and directing their search.
- E. Directing searches of public transportation facilities and vehicles operating in the area.
- F. Notifying adjacent police jurisdictions and the Maryland State Police.
- G. Ensuring escape charges are filed by the preliminary investigating officer and are entered into appropriate criminal justice information systems.
- H. With approval of the platoon commander, the patrol supervisor may terminate search efforts when he or she determines that the escapee has eluded police and is no longer in the area.

IV. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

The supervisor will assign a sworn officer to conduct a preliminary investigation of the escape. After completing the preliminary investigation, the officer will:

- A. Complete an incident report of all relevant details of the escape.
- B. Complete an application for a statement of charges and present it to a District Court commissioner.
- C. Upon issuance of a warrant, promptly have the warrant entered into MILES and NCIC.

V. FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION

The *Special Enforcement Section (SES)* is responsible for the follow-up investigation and recapture of escapees who are not recaptured during the preliminary investigation. The supervisor of the preliminary investigation will ensure that *the SES* is provided all relevant records and copies of all reports, either in person or by fax, before the end of the tour of duty.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The platoon commander of the district where the escape occurred (or, if out-of-County, closest to the escape location) will conduct an administrative review to determine the cause of the escape and the sufficiency of the subsequent attempt to locate the escapee. The review should include any recommendations the commander feels are appropriate. The review will be forwarded in writing to the Bureau commander, via the chain of command. The report will include an endorsement from each level of review in addition to an assessment of the findings and overall evaluation of the operation.

After completing the line review, the Bureau commander will forward all records and reports relating to the escape to the Staff Inspections Unit.

Staff Inspections will review the incident and prepare a report for the Chief of Police.

VII. ESCAPES FROM ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DETENTION CENTER OR DETENTION GUARDS

(Source: Detention Center Emergency Plans)

The Detention Center will immediately notify the Police Department's Communications Section of all pertinent information relating to the escape including the names and addresses of recent visitors to the Detention Center. Detention Center personnel will file an application for statement of charges for any escapee from the Detention Center or its staff.

Upon notification of an escape from Detention Center personnel, the patrol supervisor in the district where the escape occurred will coordinate efforts for recapture as outlined above. If the search for the escapee is unsuccessful, the *Special Enforcement Section* is responsible for the follow-up investigation.

In any escape where Police Department personnel are deployed to assist in the search, the police incident commander will ensure that a written report and an Incident Cost Analysis form are completed and submitted.

VIII. PROPONENT UNIT: *Patrol Services* Bureau.

IX. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 2004.1, dated 07-01-07.