# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY DIRECTIVE SUBJECT CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING - CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION (CFA) AUTHORITY MCL 791.203 - 791.206, MCL 791.208 PAGE 1 OF 5

#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Critical incidents shall be promptly reported to ensure the Department's chain of command is informed and prepared to respond to the inquiries of the Executive Office, Legislators, family members and the media. Critical incidents are reviewed to ensure that staff responded as outlined in policy and procedure.

#### POLICY:

## **DEFINITIONS**

- A. <u>ASSAULT</u> Physical contact as the result of an attack on, or intentional, non-consensual touching of, another person in anger or with intent to abuse.
  - 1. <u>CATEGORY I ASSAULT</u> Assault resulting in death or serious physical injury.
  - 2. <u>CATEGORY II ASSAULT</u> Sexual assault with penetration.
  - 3. <u>CATEGORY III ASSAULT</u> Sexual assault without penetration but involving more than intentional non-consensual touching (e.g., use of force, attempted sexual penetration).
  - 4. <u>CATEGORY IV ASSAULT</u> Sexual assault not covered in Category II or III.
  - 5. CATEGORY V ASSAULT Assault with non-serious physical injury.
- B. <u>NON SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY</u> Physical Injury that requires outside medical treatment, but not hospital admission.
- C. <u>SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY</u> Injury to any part of the body which requires follow-up medical treatment, surgery or results in a person's inability to perform his/her regular duties for an extended period of time as a result of the injury.
- D. <u>SEXUAL ASSAULT</u> Sexual penetration of, or sexual contact with, another person or intentional non-consensual touching of another person's genital area, buttocks or breasts. A Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) investigation packet shall be completed for all reported and/or alleged sexual assaults in accordance with PD 03.03.140 "Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Prohibited Sexual Conduct Involving Prisoners."
- E. <u>SMART DEVICE</u> Any electronic device that has the capability to access the internet, take, record or transmit photographs, videos or other visual images, Short Message Service (SMS) messages, or has the capability to make cellular calls, or broadcast a location, etc.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- F. For purposes of this policy, "employee" refers to Department employees and contractual employees working in a facility or a secure unit, unless otherwise specified. All other individuals in a facility, except offenders, shall be considered "visitors."
- G. Staff at the Detroit Reentry Center (DRC) and the Detroit Detention Center (DDC) shall follow the guidelines set forth in this policy when reporting a critical incident. However, DRC and DDC staff shall submit the Critical Incident Report (CAJ-570) and the Critical Incident Participation Report (CAJ-571) through the FOA

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and CFA chain of command.

H. Critical incidents which are required to be reported if occurring in a facility also shall be reported if occurring outside of a facility or off facility grounds.

#### **CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

- I. The following critical incidents shall be reported immediately by telephone <u>and</u> reported in writing on the Critical Incident Report form (CAJ-570) as set forth in this policy:
  - 1. Death of an employee or a visitor in a facility.
  - 2. Death of an offender unless the death is expected due to a terminal illness. These incidents shall be reported in accordance with PD 04.06.110 "Deaths: Natural, Accidental, Suicide, Homicide."
  - 3. Serious physical injury of an employee, offender, or visitor in a facility. These incidents also shall be reported if the offender was under the Department's jurisdiction but not in Department custody when the incident occurred (e.g., writ, contracted transporting agencies).
  - 4. Category I, II or III assault of an employee, offender, or a visitor in a facility. Category II and III assaults of an offender require a critical incident report only after a PREA investigation has confirmed a sexual assault has occurred or if personally observed by a staff member.
  - 5. Discharge of a firearm by an employee, except as required during training, qualification or practice.
  - 6. Use of force to control an offender which appears to be in violation of PD 04.05.110 "Use of Force."
  - 7. Loss or theft of a Department-issued firearm, weapons permit, electronic control device (ECD), specialty impact device or chemical agent, or loss or theft of a personal firearm if lost or stolen while on facility property.
  - 8. Act or threat of an act of collective insubordination, hostage-taking, demonstration, strike or riot.
  - 9. Escape or attempted escape from a facility.
  - Major physical plant failure in a facility which results in building damage or loss of electrical power, heat, water, sewer or perimeter security. This applies only when the condition significantly affects facility security or the welfare of employees or offenders (e.g., loss of emergency power for security system).
  - Fire, explosion, natural disaster, or major chemical or toxic spill in a facility or on facility grounds, or other events that result in death, serious physical injury, or significant physical damage to facility property.
  - 12. Discovery of contraband: A gun, ammunition, explosive, drugs, cell phone, or smart device in a facility or on facility grounds, including all other contraband which has been introduced into the facility by any means (e.g., through the gate, thrown over the fence, vendor delivery, through the mail, etc.).
  - 13. Arrest of a Department employee for any felony, or a misdemeanor for which the employee is subject to immediate suspension or, if found guilty, may be subject to dismissal in accordance with PD 02.03.100 "Employee Discipline." This also applies to contractual employees working in a facility who are known to have been arrested for similar conduct.
  - 14. Any sexual contact between a Department employee and an offender.
  - 15. Any event not identified above which may attract adverse attention to the Department as determined by the Warden.
- J. The following critical incidents shall be reported in writing on the Critical Incident Report form (CAJ-570) as

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set forth in this policy:

- 1. Category IV or V assault of an employee or a visitor in a facility.
- Category IV or V assault of an offender in a facility.
- Use of force to control a disruptive or resisting offender, including application of physical restraints.
   This does not include routine force used to separate fighting offenders, or routine application of restraints.
- 4. Suicidal and self-injurious behavior, as defined by PD 04.06.115 "Suicidal and Self-Injurious Behavior," which results in serious physical injury as defined in Paragraph C.
- 5. A drug overdose in a facility.
- 6. Any other arrest of an employee for a misdemeanor not covered under the immediate telephone reporting requirements set forth in Paragraph I.
- 7. Any event not identified above which may attract adverse attention to the Department as determined by the Warden.

# CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- K. Each employee who is a participant in or witness to an active critical incident shall immediately verbally report the incident through the chain of command to the Warden where the incident occurred. If the reporting employee is a Department employee who is not an employee of the facility at which the incident occurred, s/he also shall report the incident to his/her immediate supervisor.
- L. Each employee who is a participant in or witness to a critical incident shall complete a Critical Incident Participant Report (CAJ-571). The completed report shall be submitted to the Warden or designee as soon as possible but not later than the conclusion of the same shift during which the incident occurred or before the end of the employee's regular work hours unless additional investigatory time is necessary to establish that a critical incident has occurred, as authorized by the Warden or designee.
- M. For critical incidents which require immediate reporting pursuant to Paragraph I, telephone and e-mail notification shall be provided up through the chain of command to the CFA Deputy Director or FOA Deputy Director, as applicable. For incidents described in Paragraph I, numbers 8 and 9, the Deputy Director shall immediately notify the Director. The Deputy Director also shall inform the Office of Public Information of critical incidents which may attract media attention, and notify legislative liaison staff in the Director's Office of critical incidents which may attract adverse attention to the Department.
- N. The Warden shall ensure the Critical Incident Report along with other related reports and forms required by this or another policy (e.g., Misconduct Report, Notice of Escape or Attempt to Escape) are submitted through the chain of command to the CFA or FOA Deputy Director, as applicable, no later than seven business days after the incident occurred. The Warden shall ensure a unique identification number is assigned to each Critical Incident Report. If the critical incident involves an employee who is not an employee of the facility at which the incident occurred, the Warden shall forward a copy of the Critical Incident Report to each employee's facility head or administrator.
- O. Each Warden shall ensure all critical incidents are recorded in appropriate custody assignment logbooks in accordance with PD 04.04.100 "Custody, Security and Safety Systems."

### RELEASE OF CRITICAL INCIDENT INFORMATION

- P. Critical incident information may be made available to news media representatives by a designated spokesperson in accordance with PD 01.06.130 "Media Relations."
- Q. Requests for critical incident information under the Freedom of Information Act shall be handled in accordance with PD 01.06.110 "Freedom of Information Act Access to Department Public Records."

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# POST INCIDENT REVIEWS

- R. An internal critique of any critical incident may be conducted by facility staff at the discretion of the Warden to identify, assess and correct any noted problem areas. If an internal critique is conducted, the report shall be submitted to the Warden for review.
- S. Upon the request of the Director or Deputy Director, in conjunction with the notification required pursuant to this policy on any critical incident, a formal post-incident review of the reported event and surrounding circumstances shall be conducted by management staff and reported in writing by the appropriate Warden.
- T. In connection with the following types of incidents, a formal post-incident review is required without a specific request by the Director or Deputy Director:
  - 1. Death of any person, as outlined in Paragraph I numbers 1 and 2, from other than natural causes.
  - 2. Category I, II or III assault of an employee, or a visitor in a facility.
  - Category I, II or III assault of an offender.
  - 4. Use of force to control an offender which results in serious physical injury.
  - 5. Act of collective insubordination, hostage-taking, strike or riot.
  - 6. Escape or attempted escape from a facility.
  - 7. Fire, explosion, natural disaster, or major chemical or toxic spill on facility grounds, or other events that result in death, serious physical injury, or significant physical damage to facility property.
  - 8. Any critical incident not listed above, as determined by the Director or Deputy Director.
- U. The formal post incident report shall be submitted through the chain of command within 30 days of the critical incident unless additional time is approved by the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD). The formal post incident report shall include the following information:
  - 1. A detailed description of the sequence of events. The description shall include the date, time and location of all events and be accompanied by photographs and/or diagrams. This section shall provide the names and titles of all participants and witnesses including employees, visitors and offenders.
  - A detailed facility critique of the incident and how employees responded to the incident. All relevant documents, including a copy of pertinent video recordings and any Bureau of Health Care Services (BHCS) critique, witness statements and reports from outside agencies, shall be included. Any changes in practice or procedure which were implemented or are planned to be implemented to correct a problem shall be reported.
  - 3. All administrative rules, policy directives, and operating procedures applicable to the event shall be listed and accompanied by an explanation of compliance or non-compliance. This review also shall include an evaluation of training needs and any recommendations for change in policy directive or operating procedure requirements.
  - 4. A plan of action, identifying deficiencies and providing a method of resolution. The plan will identify the staff responsible for the correction and the time frames for the completion of the recommended actions.
- V. Upon receipt of the formal post incident review report, the Director, Deputy Director, or ADD, may require further analysis, inquiry, audit or investigation.
- W. For any critical incident involving the death of an offender who was receiving health care administered

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- through the BHCS, the BHCS Administrator shall submit the Statewide Mortality Review Committee recommendations within 90 days after receipt to the Deputy Director, ADD and Warden.
- X. If the Deputy Director determines a Post Incident Review Committee is warranted, the post incident review report and the Statewide Mortality Review Committee recommendations, as applicable, shall be submitted to the Director with a recommendation.
- Y. The Director shall determine the need to convene a Post Incident Review Committee. The Deputy Director will act as the chairperson and shall designate the members of the Post Incident Review Committee which shall include the Administrator of the Office of Legal Affairs.
- Z. The Post Incident Review Committee may request additional information or investigations regarding the critical incident. The Committee shall prepare a report containing an in-depth analysis of the critical incident and recommend action to be taken. The report shall be forwarded to the Director for review. The Deputy Director or designee shall develop an action plan to implement those recommendations approved by the Director.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

AA. All documents, forms and video recordings related to critical incidents shall be retained as required by the Department's Record Retention and Disposal Schedule or, if not addressed in the schedule, for a minimum of six years from creation.

## **OPERATING PROCEDURES**

BB. Wardens shall ensure that procedures are developed as necessary to implement requirements set forth in this policy directive within 60 calendar days after the effective date.

## **AUDIT ELEMENTS**

CC. A Primary Audit Elements List has been developed and is available on the Department's Document Access System to assist with self-audit of this policy pursuant to PD 01.05.100 "Self-Audits and Performance Audits."

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