

Basic Training Module Specifications

<u>Functional Area:</u>	III. Detention and Prosecution
<u>Subject Area:</u>	A. Receiving and Booking Process
<u>Module Title:</u>	2. PRISONER CARE AND TREATMENT
<u>Hours:</u>	Not less than 2 hours

Notes to Instructor:

Acquaint trainees with what to expect in a hospital setting.

Discuss civil liability regarding failure to properly handle an injured prisoner.

Module Objectives:

- III.A.2.1. Provide Proper Care and Treatment to Prisoners.
- a. Provides proper care and treatment to a prisoner, including:
 - (1) a safe living environment;
 - (2) protection from physical harm from self and others;
 - (3) essential needs (e.g., food, shelter, etc.)
 - b. Observes and supervises prisoners to prevent injury or death.
 - c. Monitors prisoner for foreseeable signs of suicide:
 - (1) social withdrawal,
 - (2) apathy,
 - (3) crying,
 - (4) depression,
 - (5) statements to officers or inmates,
 - (6) changes in behavior,
 - (7) alcohol or drug intoxication,
 - (8) combination of above factors.

III.A.2.1. Provide Proper Care and Treatment to Prisoners (continued).

- d. Intervenes prior to a suicide attempt when warning signs are observed.
 - (1) takes charge of the situation:
 - (a) gives prisoner clear commands;
 - (b) attempts to find out how the suicide is planned;
 - (c) determines the lethality level of the plan (e.g., wrist cutting, gun, hanging);
 - (d) determines if the means to carry out the plan are available.
 - (2) reduces any immediate danger;
 - (3) stays with prisoner;
 - (4) communicates concern for the prisoner's welfare;
 - (5) communicates an intent to stop the suicide attempt;
 - (6) listens attentively;
 - (7) accepts what is being said without challenging;
 - (8) reassures prisoner;
 - (9) refers prisoner for guidance and assistance;
 - (10) reports observations to supervisor, co-workers and relief.
- e. Intervenes when a suicide has been attempted.
 - (1) renders necessary first aid regardless of appearances (only a medical authority can pronounce death);
 - (2) obtains necessary medical assistance immediately;
 - (3) refers prisoner to guidance and assistance.
- f. Records all suicides and suicide attempts by making a written report which is factual, clear and concise.
 - (1) all parties involved should write reports;
 - (2) an assumption should be made that all reports will be used in legal proceedings.

III.A.2.2. Investigate Injuries to Prisoners.

- a. Determines the nature of the injury and how and when the prisoner was injured (e.g., whether the injury was self-inflicted, inflicted by an officer, due to an auto accident, etc.) by:
 - (1) physically checking the prisoner,
 - (2) asking the injured prisoner or other prisoners,
 - (3) requesting medical assistance to determine the extent of the injury.
- b. Secures evidence pertaining to injury of the prisoner.
- c. Requests medical assistance for injured prisoners, if necessary.

III.A.2.2. Investigate Injuries to Prisoners (continued).

- d. Records information concerning the prisoner's injury (e.g., a description of the injury, whether treatment was obtained or refused, any other pertinent information) on the appropriate form (e.g., prosecution report, incident report, etc.).

III.A.2.3. Guard Prisoners Detained Outside of a Jail.

- a. Reviews information concerning the prisoner (e.g., charge, criminal history, mental state, physical and medical condition).
- b. Uses proper restraining devices when guarding the prisoner (e.g., uses handcuffs or another device according to department policy).
- c. Guards prisoners detained outside jail to prevent prisoners from escaping and ensure officer and prisoner safety by:
 - (1) periodically checking restraining devices to ensure they are secure,
 - (2) allowing only authorized personnel physical contact with prisoner,
 - (3) maintaining visual contact with prisoner, and
 - (4) removing restraints only when necessary and when security can be maintained,
 - (5) verifying the identity of the relief officer.
- d. Communicates pertinent information concerning the prisoner to the relief officer.

III.A.2.4. Advise Adult Defendant or Family Regarding an Arrest/Detention.

- a. Advises adult defendant or family of relevant facts related to an arrest and/or detention:
 - (1) nature of the offense;
 - (2) charge(s) against the subject;
 - (3) time, location, and type of legal proceeding; and,
 - (4) defendant's right to counsel.
- b. Discusses only necessary information to avoid prejudicing the case.