

POLICY & PROCEDURES

CHAPTER:	3	Institutional Operations	3.2.9
SECTION:	2	Safety and Emergencies	EFFECTIVE DATE: 7 / 21 / 2020
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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the St. Louis City Division of Corrections to isolate inmates involved in disturbance and rioting to maintain safety, prevent escalation and restore order.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

All Division of Corrections staff, contractors, and volunteers are responsible for adhering to the following procedures.

III. DEFINITIONS

Disturbance: Any act by one or more inmates that are intended to cause disruption of routine activities of inmates, interference with the performance of employee duties, or hinder the general functions of the facility.

Riot: Any concerted violent act by inmates that are intended to cause personal injury, bodily harm, or property damage.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. General Information

This procedure will be reviewed and updated if and when necessary without notice. Copies of the update will be made available to all applicable employees.

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B. Riot / Disturbance in Progress

1. The Correctional staff will immediately announce code 2 via Radio. The Master Control Officer will follow up the announcement by announcing over the general paging system that a Code 2 is in progress, and identify location of incident.
2. Custody staff assigned in non-affected areas of the facility will be responsible for securing their assigned areas, and remain with their inmates and wait for further directive from the Supervisor.
3. Custody Staff assigned in the area of the incident will immediately direct inmates that are not involved to a secure area. The custody staff will take no action to confront the inmates; and waits the arrival of the Supervisor and explain the situation.

C. Action to Stop Riot and Regain Control

1. The Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be activated by the Shift/Area Supervisor and the team will assemble in designated area. They will be under the command of the Area Supervisor on duty at the time.
2. If assistance is needed beyond available resources, the Supervisor will refer to incident reporting procedure in policy #3.1.10: Incident Reporting.
3. The Area Supervisor will check the facility to see that all visitors are evacuated outside of the facility or to the nearest secure area. (See policy #3.2.4: Emergency Evacuation).
4. The CERT members will receive specific instructions from their Commanding Supervisor what to do to gain control. When the team moves against the inmates, they will move as a unit under strict and specific order of their leader, (See Policy #3.1.27: Cell extraction). Team members will not take independent action. Officers will use only reasonable force to gain control.

D. Action after Gaining Control

1. Once staff has re-gained control of the situation, the following measures will be implemented:
 - a. Attend to custody staff injuries.
 - b. Attend to inmate injuries.
 - c. Isolate those inmates involved, in Administrative Segregation Unit.

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- d. Assess damage and notify maintenance supervisor to repair damage.
 - e. obtain authorization from the Detention Center Superintendent or above to resume normal operations.
2. All witnesses and participants will submit detail Incident Reports including appropriate Use of Force report. This will be submitted in accordance with policy #3.1.10: Incident Reporting, and policy #3.1.21: Use of Force.