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## Department Order Manual



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## **PURPOSE**

This Department Order establishes procedures for the safe operation and maintenance of the stun and stun/lethal electrified fences. The stun fence will be utilized to enhance portions of a secure perimeter and is designed to deliver a stun electrified charge. The stun/lethal fence, located at the Arizona State Prison Complex (**ASPC**) - Florence Central Unit, will be utilized around the complete perimeter and is designed to deliver a stun electrified charge first and then a lethal electrified charge. **NOTE** - For the purpose of this Department Order, the term "electrified fence" applies to either, the stun fence or the stun/lethal fence.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Warden or designee shall be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the electrified fence(s).

The **Deputy Warden** or designee shall be responsible for ensuring that all staffing and security requirements are followed before and after any interruption of power (**i.e., de-energized or energized**) to the electrified fence.

## **PROCEDURES**

### **1.0 SAFETY AND KEY CONTROL**

#### **1.1 Safety**

1.1.1 **ASPC-Florence/Central Unit** - Only certified **Security Device Contracted Vendor** personnel shall be allowed in the electrical **stun/lethal** fence area while it is energized.

1.1.1.1 **The Security Device Contracted vendor shall be responsible for restricting access to all unauthorized personnel while they are servicing the fence.**

1.1.2 **At other locations, only authorized physical plant staff or Security Device Contracted Vendor personnel shall be allowed in the electrical fence areas while the fences are energized.**

1.1.3 Inmates shall never be permitted access to any part of the stun/lethal fence or any documentation pertaining to the stun/lethal fence.

1.1.4 All necessary safety precautions shall be taken to prevent accidental contact with the electrified fence and shall, at a minimum, include the posting of warning signs, in both English and Spanish, in highly visible areas, such as:

1.1.4.1 On each side of applicable fences, buildings and security walls.

1.1.4.2 At intervals of approximately 120 feet.

1.1.4.3 At all applicable points of ingress/egress.

1.1.4.4 At all areas where there is an adjacent building or walkway not covered by the electrified fence.

- 1.1.5 Whenever access to the fence is required, **Department security staff must notify the Security Device Contracted Vendor** and the Physical Plant Manager and follow security protocol in accordance with **Department Order #706, Incident Command System**.
- 1.1.5.1 **Except during exigent circumstances, as outlined in section 2.3, only the Security Device Contracted Vendor** shall de-energize or energize the system.
- 1.2 Key Control - **The Deputy Warden or designee** shall ensure proper key control is followed as outlined in Department Order #702, Key Control. All keys that access the electrical fence shall:
  - 1.2.1 Be designated as Emergency Keys and stored in **authorized locations**.
  - 1.2.2 Require approval through the chain of command, either to the Warden, Duty Officer or unit Deputy Warden prior to the issuance of the emergency key to access the electrified fence.
    - 1.2.2.1 Upon the approval for the key to be issued, the Shift Commander shall initiate the Incident Command System. Main Control shall issue the key to the **Security Device Contracted Vendor**, and submit an Information Report, **Form 105-2**. The Warden shall receive a copy of this report.

## 2.0 DE-ENERGIZING AND ENERGIZING THE ELECTRIFIED FENCE

- 2.1 De-energizing
  - 2.1.1 All necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent escapes by inmates, prior to de-energizing the electrified fence during an emergency or possible escape condition.
  - 2.1.2 **The Deputy Warden or designee shall determine the appropriate security augmentation**. These precautions **may** include, but are not limited to, the utilization of an armed perimeter patrol and the **stun/lethal fence**, the posting of officers in the 4 corners of the interior of **ASPC-Florence/Central Unit**.
  - 2.1.3 Non-emergency repairs/maintenance shall be scheduled in advance with the unit Deputy Warden.
  - 2.1.4 The fence shall be de-energized as outlined in the Stun/Lethal Electrified Fence Operations Manual.
- 2.2 Energizing
  - 2.2.1 Energizing of the electrified fence shall occur under the direction of the **Security Device Contracted Vendor and the Shift Commander**. Prior to energizing, an inspection shall be completed to ensure that the electrified fence is clear of personnel and equipment.
  - 2.2.2 Upon verification of clearance, **the Security Device Contracted Vendor** shall energize the electrified fence, following the approved steps.

- 2.3 **Exigent Circumstances** - During exigent circumstances, trained Department staff may de-energize and energize the stun/lethal fence as outlined in Attachment A (restricted). Exigent circumstances shall be determined by the unit Deputy Warden or designee.

### 3.0 MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS

- 3.1 **The Security Device Contracted Vendor** shall, in accordance with the manufacturer's specification, conduct inspections of the electrified fence that includes but is not limited to:
- 3.1.1 Cleaning.
  - 3.1.2 Replacing **and re-tensioning** wiring, transformers, **isolators**, circuitry and other components as necessary.
- 3.2 **Maintenance** shall be preplanned and coordinated with the **Deputy Warden or designee**.
- 3.2.1 The **Deputy Warden or designee** shall ensure that non-emergency perimeter security is scheduled while the fence is de-energized for maintenance.
- 3.3 **Department Security staff shall conduct a** complete visual/**physical** inspection of the entire electrified fence area **as outlined in the appropriate post orders**, and document in the Correctional Service **Log, Form 105-6**.
- 3.3.1 Any animals found dead by the electrified fence **shall** be documented on the Stun/Lethal Electrified Fence Kill Log, Form 718-3.

### 4.0 ALARMS

- 4.1 When the electrified fence **alarm** is activated in the Main Control **room**, **the** control room **staff shall notify** the Shift Commander and any other designated staff members.
- 4.2 The Shift Commander or designated staff shall:
- 4.2.1 Verify the appropriate staff members received the alarm.
  - 4.2.2 Delineate the fence into specific zones to notify responding staff which area of the electrified fence is in an alarm condition.
  - 4.2.3 Conduct an outer perimeter check, if deemed necessary.
  - 4.2.4 Ensure the Main Control officer logs in the Correctional Service **Log**, time of alarm, alarm findings, time and who cleared alarm if applicable.

### 5.0 ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

- 5.1 In the event of an attempted escape or if an inmate has made physical contact with the electrified fence, the Shift Commander shall:
- 5.1.1 Initiate the **Incident Command System in accordance with** Department Order #706, Incident Command System (ICS).
  - 5.1.2 Prior to removing the inmate from the fence area, follow the processes outlined in this Department Order for the de-energizing of the fence.
  - 5.1.3 Establish perimeter security.

- 5.1.4 Initiate escape response as outlined in Department Order #707, Inmate Escape Prevention/Response.
- 5.1.5 Designate a staff member to respond to the alarm area and, if necessary, supervise the removal of the inmate(s).
- 5.1.6 Designate a response team to apprehend the inmate, if appropriate.
- 5.1.7 Ensure the inmate receives medical treatment, if necessary.
- 5.1.8 Once the inmate has been removed, and the area is clear, **the fence shall be energized in accordance with section 2.2 above.**
- 5.2 In the event the electrified fence **was** not activated during an attempted escape and the inmate is in the electrified fence area, the responding staff shall:
  - 5.2.1 Order the inmate to stop all movement.
  - 5.2.2 Order the fence to be de-energized.
  - 5.2.3 Notify the Shift Commander of the situation and advise if the inmate is injured.
- 5.3 **The Security Device Contracted Vendor** shall inspect and conduct any necessary repairs to the fence.

## **DEFINITIONS/GLOSSARY**

Refer to the Glossary of Terms

## **ATTACHMENTS - RESTRICTED**

**Attachment A - De-Energize and Energize Electrified Fence - Restricted**

## **FORMS LIST**

718-3 - Stun/Lethal Electrified Fence Kill Log

## **AUTHORITY**

- A.R.S. §13-2501, Definitions
- A.R.S. §13-2502, Escape in the Third Degree; Classification
- A.R.S. §13-2503, Escape in the Second Degree; Classification
- A.R.S. §31-223, Use Of Force by Correctional Officers
- A.R.S. §31-342, Escape; Liability for Costs Incurred In Apprehension
- A.R.S. §41-1602, State Department of Corrections; Purpose