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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