

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE OPS-049, PRISON ESCAPES AND MAJOR DISTURBANCES

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I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will assist the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) in apprehending escaped inmates and controlling major disturbances at state correctional centers.

II. PROCEDURES

II.A. Escapes

- II.A.1. Upon learning that any individual has escaped, the duty officer at the correctional center will immediately notify the appropriate ISP Troop (see ISP directive OPS-073, "Troop Contingency Planning").
- II.A.2. The IDOC is responsible for notifying local radio and television stations of the escape in sufficient detail to allow them to properly inform local residents of the situation.
- II.A.3. The Troop Commander will implement the Troop Contingency Plan and immediately request additional resources, if necessary, such as Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and Air Operations (Air Ops), and will notify the correctional center that the plan has been put into action.
- II.A.4. The ISP may request uniformed, unarmed IDOC guards from the correctional center to work at roadblock positions for purposes of identification and general assistance.
- II.A.5. The Troop receiving notification of an escape from a state correctional center will immediately dispatch the information to all state and local units via all appropriate frequencies.
 - II.A.5.a. As soon as sufficient information is available, a Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS)-directed message will be generated and sent to the appropriate terminals, including the Springfield Communications Center at LEADS address LYB, and the IDOC's Command Center at LEADS address GHS. Sufficient information includes:
 - II.A.5.a.1) Who
 - II.A.5.a.2) What
 - II.A.5.a.3) Where
 - II.A.5.a.4) When
 - II.A.5.a.5) Vehicle and/or personal descriptors
 - II.A.5.a.6) Caution/weapons
 - II.A.5.a.7) Disposition
 - II.A.5.a.8) Authority
 - II.A.5.b. In addition, the Troop will enter a temporary want into the LEADS computer (LEADS message key "LET").
 - II.A.5.c. The IDOC's Apprehension Unit is responsible for entering the permanent want entry (LEADS message key "LEW") into the LEADS computer.
- II.A.6. The Troop Commander, after consultation with the correctional center's management, will determine the duration of the mobilization. The Zone Commander will initiate the follow-up investigation when the mobilization is terminated without recapture.

- II.A.7. All recaptured escapees, whether during the initial mobilization or the follow-up, may be transported to the nearest confinement facility having adequate security or taken directly to the correctional center from which the escape was made. In either case, the agency that recaptures the escapee will immediately notify the correctional center of the recapture.

II.B. Major Disturbances

- II.B.1. Upon the occurrence of a major disturbance, or any incident that has the potential for becoming a major disturbance, the correctional center will notify the appropriate ISP Troop.
- II.B.2. After receiving notification of a disturbance, the Troop will re-contact the correctional center, using a prearranged method of communication for verifying the validity of the report.
- II.B.3. After receiving notification and verification of a disturbance in progress, the Troop in which the facility is located will immediately dispatch an observer to the scene to evaluate the situation and keep the Troop Command staff fully informed of all events occurring within the facility. Notifications will be made in accordance with ISP directive OPS-010, "Significant/Unusual Incident Notification."
- II.B.4. The Troop Commander, or designee, will review and prepare to implement the appropriate contingency plan and immediately request additional resources, if necessary, such as: SWAT, Regional Crowd Control Team and Air Ops.
- II.B.5. The correctional center is responsible for providing telephone facilities for the ISP observer and keeping the observer informed of all pertinent activities occurring within the institution.
- II.B.6. The ISP observer will keep a written record of events and will start recording events immediately upon arrival at the correctional center. The observer will record the following minimum data:
 - II.B.6.a. The source of all information verbally received
 - II.B.6.b. Location and number of inmates causing the disturbance
 - II.B.6.c. Possible objectives of inmates
 - II.B.6.d. Location of critical areas within the institution
 - II.B.6.e. Location of established barricades
 - II.B.6.f. Number and identity of hostages
 - II.B.6.g. Weapons being utilized by inmates
- II.B.7. When the management of the correctional center determines a disturbance is reaching the point where support may be needed on-scene, they will advise the ISP Troop Commander who will commit personnel to assist in efforts to restore order.
 - II.B.7.a. ISP command personnel are responsible for planning the tactical response.
 - II.B.7.b. ISP personnel will remain under ISP supervision at all times.
- II.B.8. When the management of the correctional center determines they do not have the capability to suppress the disturbance, they will advise the ISP Troop Commander who will notify the Deputy Director of the Division of Patrol (DOP). At that point, the ISP will assume full command and accept total responsibility for the restoration of order within the correctional center.
 - II.B.8.a. The complete resources of the correctional center will be placed at the disposal of the ISP.
 - II.B.8.b. Except for those requested to assist the ISP, all correctional center personnel will withdraw from the immediate vicinity of the disturbance.
 - II.B.8.c. All correctional center personnel remaining in the immediate vicinity of the disturbance must be unarmed (no firearms).

II.B.9. Information about ISP activities regarding the disturbance may be released to the media in accordance with ISP directive ADM-015, "Media Guidelines." Only the authorities of the correctional center may release news releases containing information about activities within the correctional center.

| **NOTE:** The Troop may contact the Public Information Office for guidance.

| II.C. The Troop Commander will complete and forward a report on the prison escape/major disturbance through the chain-of-command to the Director.

| Indicates new or revised items.

-End of Directive-