



# Escape Procedures

Nevada Department  
of Corrections

# **First and Foremost**

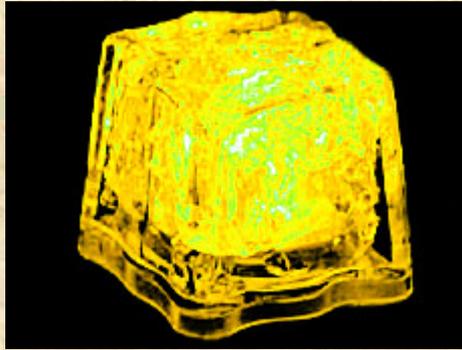
- **Treat each escape and threat to escape SERIOUSLY!!!**
- **Escapees SHALL be considered dangerous...**
- **Officer Safety always comes first.**

# Recall

- In any emergency the institution will recall staff.
- You will wear your uniform.
- If you're assigned a weapon, bring it.
- If you cannot return to work, for whatever reason, notify the institution!



# Yellow Alert



- **This is initiated when an employee witnesses the following:**
  - **Cut bars;**
  - **Missing workers;**
  - **A missing vehicle;**
  - **Count does not clear within 30 minutes;**
  - **There are other indications that there may be an attempted escape.**

# **[ Yellow Alert Assignments: ]**

- **Add an extra Central Control Officer**
- **Foot Patrols**
- **Mobile Units**
- **Incident Commander**

# **[ Yellow Alert Assignments: ]**

- **Speed, without sacrificing accuracy or safety, is essential...**
- **Most escape attempts that last longer than 60 minutes are generally successful!**
- **Other assignments identified in your institution's "Emergency Response Manual."**

# Red Alert



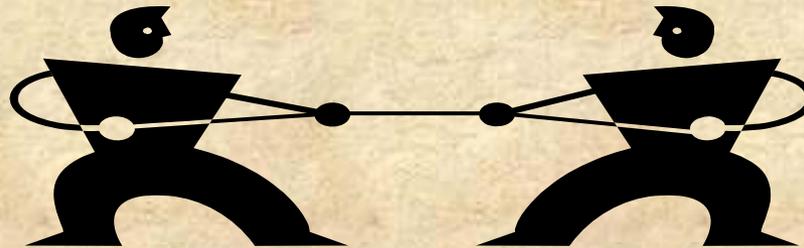
- **This is initiated when an escape has been confirmed!!!**
- **Staff members shall follow their assigned Commanders' orders.**
- **Immediately secure the inmate's property.**

# Red Alert



- Pull the I-file, visiting file, and check phone records. Try to determine the identities, locations, recent visits, and mail received from friends, relatives, romantic interests, or other possible accomplices.
- Duties are specifically spelled out in the institution's "Emergency Response Manual."

# [ Dual Command Phase: ]



- **Shift Commander**
  - **Maintains responsibility of the shift and institution.**

# **Dual Command Phase:**

## **■ Incident Commander**

- Assumes overall responsibility for escape and incident-related operations. He shall assign staff as necessary and assume ultimate responsibility for command of the incident.**
- ❖ Note: Staff members work for the assigned commander, regardless of their normal supervisor and position!!!**

# **Incident Commander Responsibilities:**

- **Ensure that all necessary information to file a criminal complaint is forwarded to the appropriate agencies.**
- **Maintain chronological documentation of the incident.**
- **Direct escape equipment to be issued to appropriate personnel.**

# **Incident Commander Responsibilities:**

- **Distribute photographs to all concerned personnel.**
- **Coordinate a search of the facility and adjacent grounds for potential hiding places.**
- **Deploy personnel to check local bars, brothels, business establishments, casinos, stores, etc.**

# [ Apprehension: ]

- Use back-up whenever possible.
- Use proper arrest and control techniques.
- Use proper vehicles and restraints.
- Conduct yourself professionally and ethically at all times.

# [ **Apprehension:** ]

- **Prevent injuries to the inmate to the degree possible.**
- **Do not violate any constitutional guarantees.**
- **DO NOT question the inmate...  
Leave that to the IG.**

# All Clear

- Only the Director, Deputy Director of Operations, or the Warden, can make this decision.
- Can be done if the inmate is:
  - Apprehended; or
  - Nothing further can be done.

# **[ Resuming Normal Operations ]**

- **The Incident Commander shall obtain a detailed, written report from each staff member involved prior to them being relieved of duty.**
- **Relieve incident staff.**