



# University of Wisconsin–Madison Police

**Policy: 47.2**

**SUBJECT: INCIDENTS INVOLVING INMATES**

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**POLICY:**

The University of Wisconsin–Madison Police Department shall establish procedures for responding to incidents involving inmates. The Department has primary authority for response and investigation when escape-related incidents result in an inmate successfully fleeing the Department of Corrections.

**DEFINITIONS:**

“Inmate” refers to a person serving a prison or jail sentence.

**PROCEDURE:**

**47.2.1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

The following shall provide guidelines for emergency assistance calls from the inmate units:

- A. The Department of Corrections is in command of incidents on their unit [REDACTED]
- B. The police response procedure is as follows:
  - 1. [REDACTED]

**47.2.2 DISTURBANCE OR HOSTAGE SITUATIONS IN OUTPATIENT WAITING AREA AND INPATIENT CORRECTIONS SECURITY UNIT (D4/V6)**

The following shall provide guidelines for disturbance or hostage situations in outpatient holding and inpatient unit:

- A. Police communications operators or other personnel as assigned, shall notify the following:
  - 1. All on duty Police Department personnel and the Manager on Call;
  - 2. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]

**47.2.3 DISTURBANCE OR HOSTAGE SITUATIONS AWAY FROM OUTPATIENT WAITING AREA AND INPATIENT UNIT**

The following shall provide guidelines for disturbance or hostage situations occurring away from outpatient holding and inpatient unit:

- A. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department is in command of any incident off either correctional unit.

[REDACTED]

- B.

[REDACTED]

**47.2.4 DISTURBANCE OR HOSTAGE SITUATIONS – POST INCIDENT**

The following describes investigation and information release responsibilities after a disturbance or hostage situation has been resolved:

- A. Police Department post-disturbance joint responsibilities with the Department of Corrections will be to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident [REDACTED]

- B. Release of Information:

- 1. In the event of an incident on the inpatient or outpatient inmate units, any news releases will be handled solely by the D.O.C.
- 2. In cases where an inmate incident occurs off-unit, the responsibility for any news releases will be handled jointly by the Police Department, the U.W.H.C. and the D.O.C.

**47.2.5 HIGH RISK INMATE ESCORTS**

The following describes procedures for “high risk” prisoner escort:

- A.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**47.2.6 INMATE ESCAPE-NOTIFICATION & INITIAL RESPONSE**

The following shall govern notification and initial response procedures upon an inpatient-inmate escape from U.W. Hospital or its grounds:

- A. Upon notification of an escape, the police communications operator will obtain information immediately available from the Department of Corrections staff and notify:

- 1. [REDACTED]

B. Upon receiving notification of an inpatient-inmate escape from U.W. Hospital or its grounds, the Department Communications Center will attempt to establish a single radio channel for all responding units. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]

C. The following additional information on the escape should be obtained:

1. [REDACTED]

D. Depending on the scope of the incident, other buildings in the Health Sciences Complex may be affected. [REDACTED]

**47.2.7 INMATE ESCAPE-POLICE INCIDENT COMMAND DUTIES**

The following shall provide procedures for incident command specific to inmate escapes:

A. Incident Command protocols should be utilized in accordance with incident command directives. The need for a command post is to be determined by incident commander or O.I.C. after conferring with Hospital administration and the Department of Corrections. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

D. Media contacts regarding the inmate and the circumstances of the escape will be handled primarily by the Department of Corrections. A Department public information officer will be assigned to respond to requests about the investigation and will work in conjunction with the Department of Corrections and Hospital media personnel. U.W.H.C. policy and procedures and Department media release directives apply to the release of inmate escape information.

**47.2.8 INMATE ESCAPE-SEARCH ASSIGNMENTS**

The following provides procedures for the deployment of personnel assigned to searches for escaped inmates:

A. [Redacted]

B. [Redacted]

C. [Redacted]