



Department of Justice and Public Safety
Adult Custody Services

Policy: **Cell Extraction D28**
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MISSION STATEMENT

Adult Custody Services is committed to providing professional practices that respect human rights and ensure safety for all. To be successful we will deliver fair practices, incorporate transparent policies and procedures, ensure independent quality assurance processes, and provide program access that allows for educational, cultural, traditional, and faith-based services as well as mental wellness and community re-entry assistance.

PURPOSE

To establish a standardized set of procedures for the safe and efficient removal of violent or potentially violent offenders, those deemed to be at risk of harming themselves or for those who refuse to move from an area as directed.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

[NB Corrections Act.](#)

SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees of the Adult Custody Services division of the Department of Justice and Public Safety.

POLICY GUIDELINES

The Superintendent will develop and provide training for an identified *Adult Custody Emergency Response Team* (CERT) to allow its members to safely carry out their duties

PROCEDURE

Deployment

Deployment of the CERT will be at the discretion of the Sergeant.

Warning

When the team deployment appears imminent, the non-compliant client will be advised in a non-threatening manner that further non-compliance will result in the deployment of the CERT Team.

Team Composition

The standard number of team members is six, with a minimum number of members on a team is four:

- i. Team leader (Taser Officer 2 of 2)
- ii. Shield Officer
- iii. Restraint Officer
- iv. Restraint Officer
- v. O/C Introduction Officer/Taser Officer (1 of 2)

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vi. Camera Officer

Sergeant not be a CERT team member

The Sergeant may not be a member of the *Adult Custody Emergency Response Team*

Briefing

Team leaders will ensure the Adult Custody Emergency Response Team is.

- properly equipped.
- briefed regarding the situation and offender background.
- briefed on tactics to be employed; and
- capable of safely carrying out their required duties.

Area preparation

Wherever possible the area in which the extraction is to take place shall be under “lock down”, or all non-participants removed to another secure area.

Video recording

All actions, beginning with the briefing, will be video recorded.

Client’s instructions

The client shall be instructed to:

- cease non-compliant behavior
- surrender all weapons.
- dismantle/remove any barricades.
- assume a position of disadvantage (lay on stomach - hands behind head with fingers locked together)

Compliance

The client will be advised that after assuming a submission position they will be:

- handcuffed & shackled.
- searched; and
- moved to the segregation unit.
- **No force is to be employed when a client complies.**

Non-compliance

Clients who fail to comply will be advised that.

- non-compliance may result in the use of force; and
- a chemical agent/sensory irritant may be introduced

OC Spray, re-secure. Negotiation resumes

In the case where the client fails to comply, the Team Leader will order the use of pepper spray on the non-compliant client and the re-securing of the cell. Further negotiations will then occur.

Taser use

In the case where the client fails to comply, is an immediate threat to himself or others, OC Spray has proven ineffective or if unable to be utilized, authorization/use of the Taser may be obtained from the Superintendent or on-call authority. Policy D47 Electro-Muscular Disruption Device for use of the TASER must be followed accordingly.



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Negotiation break-down/Cell entry

When the Team Leader determines that negotiations have broken down the team Leader will order the team to enter the cell in the pre-determined order and employ a controlled physical restraint strategy. This may involve the further use of pepper spray as opposed to other forms of physical force.

Secure escort

To ensure compliance during escort to a secure cell:

- the client will be walked facing as directed by staff.
- two members of the ER Team will securely hold the client arms.
- the other members will follow:
- approximately 4 feet behind
- facing the client
- with the pepper spray in the "ready" position.

Decontamination

Decontamination will begin as soon as possible.

Restraints

Restraints will be removed, as soon as possible, on the decision of the Team Leader.

Search

A search will follow.

Female Client

When the extraction involves a female client, the CER Team shall include all female members when/where possible.

Incident report

Reports will be prepared, as per protocol and delivered to the Sergeant before end of shift

RELATED POLICY

D23 Use of Force

D24 Restraint Equipment

D25 Emergency / Protective Equipment

D26 Oleoresin Capsicum (Pepper Spray)

D37 Video Taping

D47 Electro-Muscular Disruption Device

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