

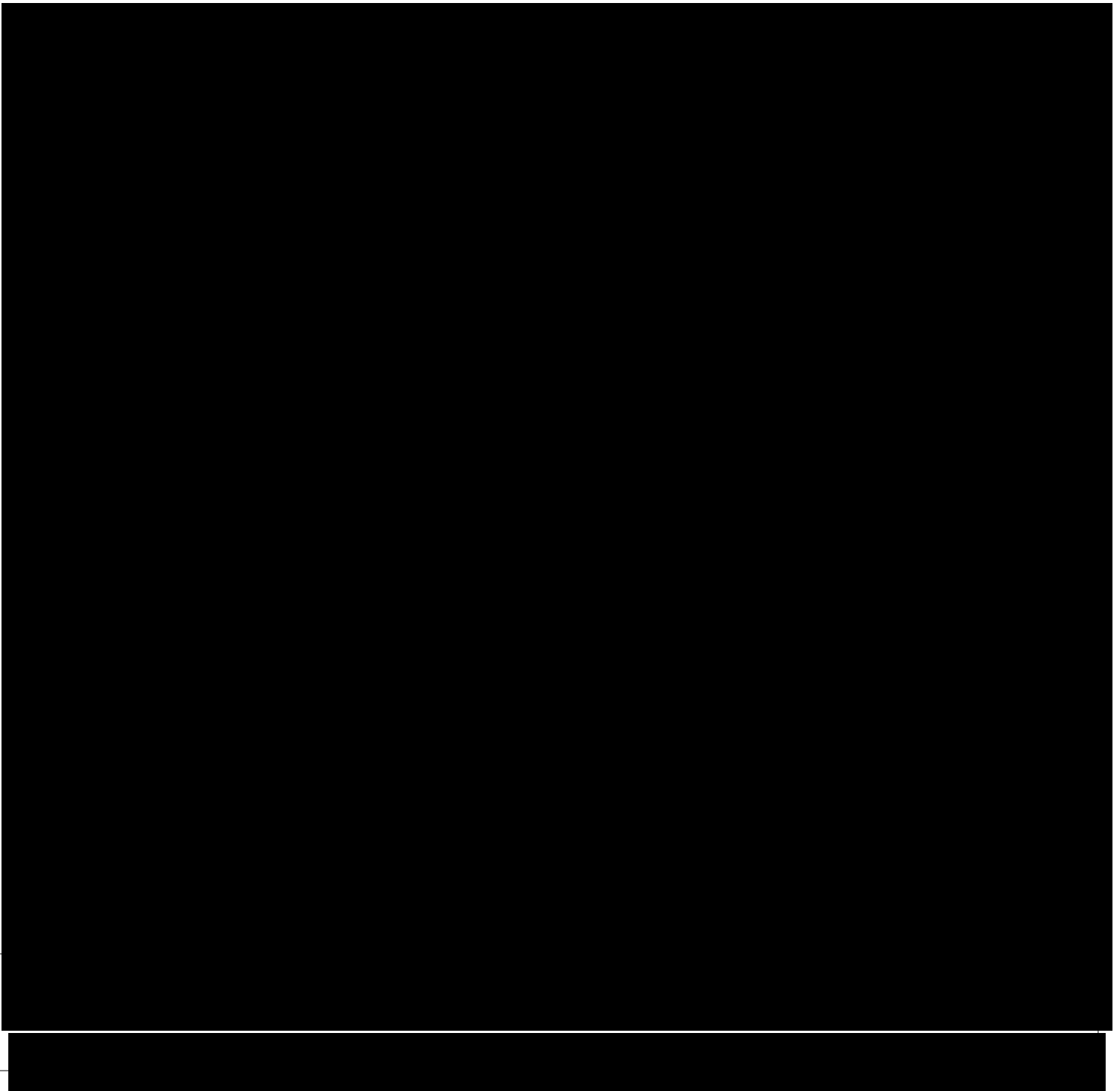


**Rockwall County
Sheriff's Office
Detention Division
Policy and Procedures**

Policy: Inmate Escape and Riot	Policy #: C-930
Procedure: Guidelines for an Escape and Riot and Rebellion	Effective Date: 03/19/2007
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide the staff of the Rockwall County Detention Center with information that will assist them with the necessary knowledge needed to inform staff and other law enforcement agencies of an escape or inmate worker walk away. This policy is to enable the staff to properly locate the escaped inmate, question other inmates and staff, as well as document the details of the event.



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Any inmates remaining within the cell which is structurally damaged will be relocated to other cells. Holding cells may be utilized on a temporary basis.

Should it be deemed necessary by the Sheriff or Jail Administrator, the Rockwall Police Department, DPS officers, and all available Sheriff's Department personnel will be requested to provide assistance. All on duty detention staff will remain on duty and secure the jail. All inmates will be locked down and an emergency head count will be conducted every 30 minutes.

The state of Texas is divided into six (6) regions. They are REG1 (region 1), REG2 (region 2), REG3 (region3), REG4 (region 4), REG5 (region 5), and REG6 (region 6). *Rockwall County is located in REG1 (region 1).*

When transmitting a teletype after an escape, the teletype is generally sent to the region in the state where the escape took place and neighboring regions. For example if an escape takes place in Rockwall County, a teletype should be sent to REG1 (region 1), REG5 (region 5), and REG6 (region 6). By sending the teletype to REG1, REG5, and REG6, all surrounding counties will be notified that an escape in Rockwall County has occurred.

If a teletype is to be sent nationwide, simply use the two-letter abbreviation for the mnemonic address in the required field. For example, if the teletype is to be sent to the states of Arkansas and Oklahoma, instead of inputting REG1 as the mnemonic address, simply input AR in one field and OK in the next field. This will allow the teletype to be sent to that state's main Public Safety Headquarters or State Police Headquarters and they will retransmit the teletype to all law enforcement agencies within that state.

In case of a riot or general disorder, a command post will be established in the conference room of the Sheriff's Office. The Jail Administrator and Sheriff will be notified immediately. The primary goal at the time of a riot or insurrection will be to ensure the jail is secure and prevent escape. If the disturbance is isolated, the remaining inmates may be evacuated in accordance with fire evacuation procedures, unless the exit of inmates will in anyway present a safety hazard to inmates or staff.

Riot and Rebellion:

The floor officer will attempt to quell the activity through persuasion. Failing this, he/she will determine:

- a. Hostages, if any
- b. State of security of the cell block(s), housing areas
- c. Extent of the activity

The floor officer will notify the control room and the shift supervisor will determine whether notification of the following is necessary:

- a. Sheriff and dispatch
- b. City police and possible alert for back up
- c. Department of Public Safety and possible alert for back up
- d. FBI, if hostage is involved
- e. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and possible alert for assistance
- f. Fire department and possible alert for back up

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The immediate area will be contained, and all exits will be secured and guarded. All normal jail activities will cease. Cells and/or housing areas not involved will be locked down.

The Sheriff or his designee will determine whether building perimeter security is required. Visitors and non-critical employees will be evacuated from the building.

The shift supervisor, Jail Administrator, and/or the Sheriff will attempt to quell the activities through reason. Failing this, attempts will be made to determine any demands, and arrange with appropriate authorities as to negotiations and/or concessions. The Sheriff, or designee, will be the negotiator. All efforts will be made to quell the activity without the use of force. If these efforts are not successful, appropriate force may be utilized, to include water hoses or chemical agents, or as a last resort, firearms. The minimum amount of force required to subdue the activity will be used.

Once all activities have ceased, inmates will be evacuated from the affected area, medically examined and treated if necessary, and isolated. Any necessary cleaning of the area will take place immediately, provided any available evidence has been secured. Inmates will be housed in the area and normal activities resumed as soon as is practicable.

The Jail Administrator or Sheriff will ensure jail security following an escape, riot, or general disturbance. Sufficient staff members will be on duty to adequately check all housing areas for contraband as well as a search of each inmate's person involved in the incident.

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