



Charleston County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedures Manual

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17-14 High Risk Security Patrol Operations (HRSP)

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ACA Standards Reference:
CALEA Standards Reference:
NCCHC Standards Reference:
SCLEA Standards Reference:
SC Minimum Standards:

This policy dated 1/29/2025 replaces prior policies cited above and supersedes all previously issued directives.

I. Purpose:

- A. The purpose of this policy is to provide the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center (SACDC) with policies and procedures regarding the operational standards for conducting and implementing a High-Risk Security Patrol (HRSP) Operation.
- B. The SACDC recognizes that the need of High-Risk Security Patrol Operation by detention staff will require constant evaluation and supervision by the appropriate levels of command.
- C. The HRSP Operation is to be utilized as a deterrent to monitor and control illicit inmate activities. It will be used to enhance the existing security and to offer a safer environment for staff, inmates, facility and the general public.
- D. The HRSP may be utilized as a team of extra staff to fill vacant post or positions on the daily assignment roster during manpower shortages.

II. Policy:

- A. It is the policy of SACDC that ERT will be responsible for the HRSP Operations in order to increase the safety of the staff, as well as the inmates. ERT will exercise the highest level of integrity and professionalism at all times. All agency use of force guidelines and procedures will be applicable to the HRSP Operations. (SC Min. 1021, 4-ALDF- 7D-06)

III. Definitions:

- A. For purposes of this procedure, the word “deputy” applies to all agency employees with a certification classification of Class I, Class II, or Class III, or Reserve Deputy, as defined by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

The following terms are used interchangeably; however, they carry guidance to specific employees based on usage of the term:

- 1. Deputy, deputy sheriff, detention deputy, sworn employee, uniformed sworn employee, sworn administrative employee, reserve deputy.
 - 2. civilian, non-sworn employee.
- B. *Employee:* When used without further clarification, the term employee is inclusive of all agency members (sworn and non-sworn).

- C. *High Risk Security Patrol* – A team of two Emergency Response Team (ERT) detention deputies that are on active security patrol, whose role is to provide security for staff, inmates, facility and general public.

IV. Procedure:

In its most basic formation the HRSP operation will be a two (2) deputy operation responsible for the following:

1. Providing immediate response to any and all emergency situations.
2. Patrolling of all secure confines of the facility with an emphasis on inmate accessible areas which could potentially be utilized to conceal illicit activities, contraband and/or escape paraphernalia or actual escape.
3. Escorting inmates from the general population to the disciplinary or segregation units of the facility.
4. Conducting periodic and random checks of staff in all areas of the facility. This is to ensure the safety of staff assigned to these areas and to also show a presence to the inmate population that the HRSP Operation is a highly mobile unit that has no restrictions on their areas of operation.

V. Reporting Use of Force:

- A. All uses of force will be conducted and documented in compliance with the *Use of Force Policy*.

VI. High Risk Security Patrol Operation Review:

- A. The Chief Deputy or designee personnel will evaluate the effectiveness of the program and introduce modifications where necessary.