

ELECTRONIC STUN SHIELD

STANDARD NO(S):

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REFER TO:

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To implement procedures for the use of the electronic stun shield.

II. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Seneca County Correctional Facility to appropriately use the electronic stun shield to control non-compliant inmates and during cell extractions and/or riot situations.

III. GUIDELINES:

- A.** The electronic stun shield (Stun Shield) is a restraint device that may be used to provide control for inmates that are in the custody of the Seneca County Correctional Facility.
- B.** The Stun Shield may be used on any inmate within the facility with the exception of pregnant or certain medically compromised inmates.
- C.** As appropriate to the circumstances, the Stun Shield may be used in lieu of, or in addition to other restraint devices. Officers are expected to ensure the safety of those inmates in their custody.
- D.** The CERT Commander or Team Leader will appoint a member to be responsible for maintaining the Stun Shield. This will also include ensuring the unit is properly charged and in good working order.
- E.** The utilization of the Stun Shield must be authorized by the CERT Commander or Team Leader.

IV. PROCEDURE:

- A.** The Stun Shield will only be used as directed by the CERT Commander or Team Leader and, along with the extraction, containment and/or riot team, will be used for all cell extractions and riot situations.

- B.** The Stun Shield will only be operated by officers who have been properly trained and certified.
- C.** Prior to using the Stun Shield, the Stun Shield Operator (SSO) will inspect and test the shield to ensure that it is functioning and in proper working condition.
- D.** Once a decision has been made to use the Stun Shield by the CERT Commander or Team Leader, the SSO will take the shield to where it is needed.
- E.** Once the Stun Shield is in place, the CERT Commander or Team Leader will give the commands to the inmate(s) to comply with the officer orders.
- F.** The CERT Commander or Team Leader will notify the inmate(s) that non-compliance with their orders will result in the activation of the Stun Shield. After the Commander and/or Team Leader give such notification to the inmate(s), the SSO will then activate the shield for a 1 second burst as a visual and audio deterrent to the inmates(s).
- G.** If the inmate(s) continue being non-compliant with orders from the CERT Commander or Team Leader, the CERT Commander or Team Leader will order the SSO to activate the Stun Shield against the inmate. The SSO, backed up by the containment team, will capture the inmate within the shield and apply an approximant 5 second burst or less from the Stun Shield. If the inmate has become compliant and/or non-combative, the SSO will deactivate the shield and the containment team will secure the inmate.
- H.** The SSO will apply another 5 second or less burst to any inmate who remains non-compliant and/or combative after the initial burst. If the inmate has become compliant and/or non-combative, the SSO will deactivate the shield and the containment team will secure the inmate.
- I.** If the inmate is still non-compliant and/or combative after the second approximate 5 second burst, the team will employ alternative less-lethal methods to gain control of the inmate(s).