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- CLOSING OF DC GENERAL HOSPITAL STRONG ROOM

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ON July 15, 2001, DC GENERAL HOSPITAL BECAME A PRIVATE HEALTH CARE FACILITY. AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT HAS DRAMATICALLY DECREASED. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS CEASED OPERATION OF THE DC GENERAL HOSPITAL'S STRONG ROOM AND HAS ADDITIONALLY REVISED ITS OPERATING PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO HOSPITAL DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

- EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CEASE ALL OPERATIONS OF THE DC GENERAL HOSPITAL'S STRONG ROOM. ALSO, THE MANNED DETAILED, PROVIDED BY THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WILL ADDITIONALLY BE TERMINATED.
- ALTHOUGH DC GENERAL HOSPITAL'S STRONG ROOM SHALL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER HOSPITAL OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE MEDICAL FACILITY FOR TREATMENT AS LONG AS THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT ESTABLISHES A GUARD DETAIL.
- PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO DC GENERAL SHALL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER HOSPITAL FACILITY WHERE TREATMENT IS SOUGHT. IN THE EVENT THE PRISONER IS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL, THE TRANSPORTING OFFICER SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE OFFICIAL THEN IN CHARGE OF HIS/HER ELEMENT AND A GUARD DETAIL SHALL BE INSTITUTED BY THAT OFFICIAL.
- UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, TWO OFFICERS SHALL ACCOMPANY PRISONERS DURING TREATMENT WHILE AT ANY MEDICAL FACILITY. OFFICIAL FROM THE TRANSPORTING OFFICER'S ELEMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THERE ARE TWO OFFICERS AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE THE PRISONER WHILE AT THE HOSPITAL. WHEN RECEIVING TREATMENT, OFFICERS WILL USE A DOUBLE SET OF RESTRAINTS TO SECURE THE OPPOSING ARM PRIOR TO RELEASING EITHER ON DURING TREATMENT. WHILE IN THE MEDICAL FACILITY, OFFICERS SHALL ADDITIONALLY, DEVOTE THEIR FULL TIME AND ATTENTION TO THEIR PRISONER AT ALL TIMES IN ORDER TO PREVENT ESCAPE OR FURTHER INJURY TO THE PRISONER, MEMBER OR EVEN THE PUBLIC.
- MEMBERS ARE ADDITIONALLY REMINDED TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE AS IT PERTAINS TO TRANSPORTING PRISONERS:

OEAC TELETYPE, DATED November 8, 1999, WHICH STATES, "AN ADULT PRISONER OR PRISONERS SHALL NOT BE TRANSPORTED BY A SINGLE POLICE OFFICER IN A SCOUT CAR UNLESS THE CAR IS EQUIPPED AS A TRANSPORT VEHICLE. WHEN A SINGLE OFFICER TRANSPORTS A PRISONERS IN OR REMOVE THEM FROM THE VEHICLE, HE/SHE SHALL NOT PLACE THE PRISONER OR PRISONERS IN OR REMOVE THEM FROM THE VEHICLE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER OFFICER.

THIS TELETYPE, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL INCORPORATED INTO THE GENERAL ORDER 502 7, WHICH IS FORTHCOMING.

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