

	<b>CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1</b> Standard Operating Procedures	Initial:
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	Subject: Escaped Prisoners	

## ESCAPED PRISONERS

- A. Dispatchers may encounter reports of escaped prisoners involving escapes from the county jail or the state correctional facilities in Houtzdale and Quehanna. Both escapes may or may not require a direct response from municipal police departments. Reports may also be received from other agencies concerning an escape, with information that indicates that the escapee may be in, or traveling towards or through Clearfield County.
- B. For incidents of escapes from facilities within Clearfield County the dispatcher will obtain as much information as possible to include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Where the escape occurred from.
  - Full description of the escapee.
  - Time since the escape.
  - Method of escape if known.
  - Mode of travel.
  - Nature of conviction.
  - Possible accomplices.
  - Possible destination or direction of travel.
  - Authority and name of person reporting the escape.
- C. The appropriate police department who covers the area the call is in will be dispatched. The dispatch of further emergency service responders will be done at the request of the police department.
- D. Notify on-call management (Department of Emergency Management / 911).
- E. Officers need to know exactly where the escape took place. The escape could be from the facility itself or from a work crew which may be some distance from the actual facility. A failure to return from a work release program is technically considered an escape but does not possess the same degree of urgency as a physical escape. This is due in part to the fact that these individuals are usually deemed as “harmless” which is why they are allowed to leave the facility for work. There is generally a time lapse prior to receiving the report.
- F. In the event another agency issues a report of an escape via telephone, the dispatcher will request that the reporting agency issue a written notification for our records via NCIC or fax. This notification should include all pertinent information.
- G. BOLO or ATL information will be dispatched by radio as soon as possible. As time permits, the information will also be group faxed to county police departments.