Shasta County Sheriff's Office

Shasta County SO Custody Manual

Emergency Power and Communications

406.1 GENERAL

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office facility must continue to operate as a safe and secure environment regardless of emergencies, including electrical outages. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines regarding back-up power and communication systems, and the inspection, preventive maintenance and testing of the systems to ensure a seamless transition in the event of a loss of power.

406.2 POLICY

The Watch Commander is responsible to insure the maintenance of security and inmate control during any power failure.

406.3 POWER FAILURE

The Watch Commander will immediately initiate a lock down of the facility in a power failure situation.

No inmate movement is allowed unless authorized by the Watch Commander.

All visitors will be informed to leave the facility.

Staff members will be assigned to secure the visiting areas and escort all visitors from this facility via the Central Control sally port area.

The emergency generator will provide minimum lighting throughout the facility.

The generator will provide power to the following systems:

- All elevators.
- The fire and smoke alarms.
- The TV monitors.
- The intercom systems.
- The computers.
- The kitchen freezer.
- The red electrical outlets.

All doors and sliders located on either mod controls or Central Control panel systems.

The court overpass.

The Watch Commander, at his discretion, may initiate inmate counts on each shift until power is restored.

Staff members will refrain from calling Central Control during a power failure unless they have an emergency situation.

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The Watch Commander will insure maintenance/engineering is notified immediately.

406.4 REPORTS

The Watch Commander will initiate a jail incident report indicating:

- The cause of the failure.
- Corrections made.
- Action taken.

A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Facility Manager.