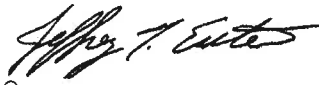




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PURPOSE: To outline steps to be taken in the event of an inmate death to include operational, notification, and reporting procedures.

I. Procedures

- A. Clinic personnel and EMS will be requested to respond when an inmate dies, or appears to be deceased, and processes established in 209.00 , Medical Emergencies would be followed.
 - 1. If the inmate is receiving hospice care, specific notification protocols will be established for the inmate on duty supervisor.
- B. The sheriff, undersheriffs, jail administrator, sheriff's legal counsel, the detention division commanders, and the watch commander shall be notified upon the death of an inmate in the custody of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. The on-call staff duty commander will be notified and responsible for further notifications as listed above.
 - 1. On duty or on call captain will create an electronic file for the deceased containing the inmate's JMS file and inmate medical file.
- C. All inmate and detention deputy activity where the death occurred shall cease. Inmates will be moved to another secure area and their movement will be restricted until a detective arrives. The scene will be secured, leaving a detention deputy present to maintain scene security.
- D. The inmate's property and clothing from Property and personal property from the cell shall be submitted as evidence unless directed otherwise by investigators.
- E. Family notification shall be in compliance with General Order 41.2.18 Notification of Next-of-Kin of Deceased, Seriously Injured, or Seriously Ill Person and General Order 211.00 Next-of-Kin Notification.

F. The KBI will be notified pursuant to K.S.A. 19-1935.

19-1935. Death of prisoner in custody of city or county; investigation by Kansas bureau of investigation.

On and after July 1, 2004, whenever the death of a prisoner in the custody of a city or county and residing in jail or in a facility contracted through the city or county, or both, occurs, an investigation regarding the circumstances of the death shall be initiated by the Kansas bureau of investigation. A report of the findings of the investigation shall be made available to the chairperson of the senate judiciary committee and the house corrections and juvenile justice committee of the Kansas legislature and shall be subject to the open records act, K.S.A. 45-215, and amendments thereto. No such investigation by the Kansas bureau of investigation shall be required if the cause of death is determined to be natural, by a qualified autopsy, preliminary autopsy report or death certificate or the prisoner was regularly attended by a licensed physician.

History: L. 2004, ch. 160, § 5; L. 2005, ch. 150, § 1; July 1.