

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures

TITLE: CUFF TETHERS

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REFERENCE:

POLICY

The Detentions Bureau maintains and utilizes Cuff Tethers in order to provide deputies with a way to safely secure an incarcerated person (in handcuffs) to a cell door prior to applying or removing the handcuffs. The purpose of this policy is to set the standards of use and procedures for operation of the Cuff Tether.

DIRECTIVE #1

The Cuff Tethers are only to be used to secure incarcerated people to a door for the purposes of safely applying and removing handcuffs. Under no circumstances will the Cuff Tether be used to escort incarcerated people or for any other purpose outside of this policy

DIRECTIVE #2

No employee shall use the Cuff Tether without receiving the approved training course. The Training Section will designate instructors to conduct training courses in the use of Cuff Tethers.

Procedure A: Use of Cuff Tethers

Cuff tethers may be used to secure an incarcerated person, who is already restrained with handcuffs, to a door to ensure the individual's control is maintained. In situations where the tether cannot be anchored to a door, such as when a slider door is present, a deputy may utilize the cuff port as an anchor point.

Cuff tethers can be used as added security for the placement of handcuffs in the same method as when removing handcuffs.

Utilizing cuff tethers without an anchor point on a door is strictly prohibited.

Cuff tethers will not be left attached to doors unattended.

DIRECTIVE #3

The cuff tethers will be stored on designated hooks in the supervisor offices at the Lerdo Justice Facility and Pre-Trial Facility.

Supervisors will be responsible for checking out the tethers and logging the name and CAD ID of the deputy using the tether in the Supervisor's red book.