



Division of Pretrial Detention and Services Directive

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.01 Purpose.

- A. This directive establishes a heat management system for detainees housed in facilities of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services.
B. This directive establishes responsibility for implementation and monitoring of the heat management system.

.02 Scope.

This directive applies to the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services.

.03 Policy.

The Division will implement the Heat Plan to reduce the possibility of heat injury and address the health concerns of identified detainees. The Heat Plan will automatically be in effect from May 1st through September 30th each year and whenever a heat emergency is declared by the DPSCS Medical Director.

.04 Definitions.

- A. In this directive, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
B. Terms Defined.
(1) "Heat Plan" means a systematic plan of action implemented in the summer months, or when there is anticipated warming of the ambient air that exceeds 88° Fahrenheit. The plan allows for the identification and housing of detainees at risk for heat injury.

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.05 Responsibility.

A. Assessment and Identification

At the time of intake, medical staff will assess the detainee to determine if the individual is susceptible to heat related injuries and assign a corresponding heat risk code of:

- (1) H-1;
- (2) H-2; or
- (3) H-3.

B. Housing Assignment

Medical staff shall forward documentation reflecting the heat risk code of new detainees to the Traffic Unit to be used for housing assignment as follows:

- (1) Heat Risk Code – H-1 detainees shall be assigned to a:
 - (a) Permanently air-conditioned housing area; or
 - (b) Housing area with provisions for respite, to include:
 - (i) Rotational movement of the detainee to an area at a temperature of 87° Fahrenheit or lower for a period of 1 hour at least 3 times daily;
 - (ii) Circulating air in the housing area while inside temperatures exceed 88° Fahrenheit for four hours;
 - (iii) Access to at least 12 ounces of water or other fluids per hour for 10 consecutive hours;
 - (iv) Minimization of physical activity and outside work related activities; and
 - (v) Showers once each day.
- (2) Heat Risk Code – H-2 detainees shall be assigned to a housing area with provisions for respite, to include:
 - (a) Rotational movement of the detainee to an area at a temperature of 87° Fahrenheit or lower for a period of 1 hour at least 2 times daily;
 - (b) Circulating air in the housing area while inside temperatures exceed 88° Fahrenheit for four hours;

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- (c) Access to at least 8 ounces of water or other fluids per hour for 10 consecutive hours;
 - (d) Minimization of physical activity and outside work related activities; and
 - (e) Showers as per the routine facility.
- (3) Heat Risk Code – H-3 detainees shall be assigned to housing areas following the standard heat alert protocol.

C. Heat Code Re-Evaluation

- (1) Medical Services, Psychology Services and Mental Health staff will provide updated lists of detainees assigned to heat risk codes of H-1 or H-2 each week.
- (2) If the detainee's heat risk code has changed, the authorized treatment staff will submit a "Transfer of Housing" form to the Traffic Office.

D. Heat Alert Action – General

- (1) The Warden is responsible to provide instructions, procedures, post orders and any other directions required for the implementation of this directive.
- (2) Whenever the Office of Resident Health Services issues a Heat Alert for a facility, the Warden or design shall ensure that:
 - (a) All facility staff is notified of the Heat Alert at roll call;
 - (b) Provisions are made to supply adequate amounts of ice to all housing areas of that facility;
 - (c) Provisions are made to deploy additional fans in that facility as needed;
 - (d) In Specialized Housing Areas (Maximum Security) respite for H-1 and H-2 coded detainees will be provided in 1 dayroom for each housing unit through the utilization of a window-mounted air condition unit.
 - (e) Facility staff is advised to follow protocol as outlined in Attachment A of this directive; and
 - (f) Daily records are maintained during Heat Alerts to document the time period and location for which each occasion of respite was provided.

.07 Attachments. Heat Alert Information Sheet

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.08 History.

- A. This directive replaces PDSD #185-5, titled Response to Conditions of High Heat/Humidity issued on June 25, 2007.
- B. This directive supersedes provisions of any other prior existing Division communication with which it may be in conflict.

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HEAT ALERT INFORMATION SHEET

- All individuals should drink additional fluids to keep themselves hydrated. Ensure that sufficient water, or other drinking fluids, and ice is available during this time of excessive heat
- Work crews should take additional breaks and need to stay hydrated. Please, Note that water replacement alone is not sufficient in severe heat conditions. In consultation with the DPSCS Medical Director, outside work crew schedules may be modified related to excessive heat, (e.g.. work in am only).
- Outside recreation may be cancelled or recreation moved to a cooler location and recreation time may be limited.
- Increased use of showers may be permitted, after consultation with the Building Supervisor.
- Advise all detainees who suffer from chronic conditions such as asthma, hypertension, diabetes, etc., to use caution in their exercise routine. Individuals on medications that are sensitive to heat should also use caution in their exercise routine.
- Individuals should use caution and be mindful of the symptoms of heat illness listed below. Please, ensure that all individuals who show these early signs of heat stroke are referred to the dispensary:
 - (1) Dizziness
 - (2) Headache
 - (3) Nausea
 - (4) Vomiting
 - (5) Excessive sweating
 - (6) Feeling faint