



SOUTH DAKOTA  DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES		POLICY NUMBER 1.3.B.03	PAGE NUMBER 1 OF 2
		DISTRIBUTION:	Public
		SUBJECT:	Mutual Assistance to Law Enforcement Agencies
RELATED STANDARDS:	None	EFFECTIVE DATE:	November 1, 2023
		SUPERSESION:	10/01/2022
DESCRIPTION: Institutional Operations – Safety and Emergency Procedures	REVIEW MONTH: September	 <b>KELLIE WASKO</b> <b>SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS</b>	

## I. POLICY

It is the policy of the South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) to allow all specifically trained staff to assist other law enforcement agencies in emergency situations.

## II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish provisions for providing requested assistance to any public agency or covered entity pursuant to SDCL 34-48-2.

## III. DEFINITIONS

### Specifically Trained Staff:

Includes but is not limited to, negotiators, critical incident debriefing team members, and staff with specific training.

## IV PROCEDURES

### 1. Request for Mutual Assistance:

- A. All requests received by the DOC from other law enforcement agencies for mutual assistance that do not directly involve a DOC offender(s), will be immediately forwarded to the secretary of corrections (SOC).

### 2. Authorization of Mutual Assistance:

- A. Only the SOC, or in his/her absence the deputy secretary, may authorize mutual assistance to another public law enforcement agency.
- B. No staff member of the DOC, who has been temporarily assigned duty within the jurisdiction of another public law enforcement agency for the purpose of providing mutual assistance, may be held civilly liable for providing assistance, except for acts of willful misconduct or gross negligence (see SDCL § 34-48-9).

## V. RESPONSIBILITY

The secretary of corrections is responsible for the annual review and revision as needed of this policy.

## VI. AUTHORITY

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A. Add SDCL § 34-48-2, 34-48-9

## **VII. HISTORY**

October 2023  
September 2022  
July 2021  
July 2019  
July 2018  
July 2017  
July 2016  
July 2015  
July 2014  
July 2013  
July 2012

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. DOC Policy Implementation / Adjustments.