

## 1.3.B.3 Mutual Assistance to Law Enforcement Agencies

### I Policy Index:



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### II Policy:

Specifically trained Department of Corrections (DOC) staff may be used to assist other law enforcement agencies in emergency situations.

### 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 does not directly involve a DOC offender(s), will be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of Corrections.

#### 2. Authorization of Mutual Assistance:

- A. Only the Secretary of Corrections, 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 Related Directives:

SDCL § 34-48-9

### VI Revision Log:

Removed revisions from October 2002 to July 2009

**July 2010:** Revised formatting of Section I.

**July 2011:** Reviewed with no changes.

**July 2012:** Deleted "Non-Public" and **Replaced** with "Public"

**July 2013:** Reviewed with no changes.

**July 2014:** Removed "canine unit" from policy statement.

**July 2015:** Reviewed with no changes.

**July 2016:** Added "that does not directly involve a DOC offender(s)" in Section 1 A. **Added** B. to Section 2.

**July 2017:** Reviewed with no changes.

**July 2018:** Revised definition of "specifically trained staff"/.

**July 2019:** Reviewed with no changes.

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