I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to respond quickly and efficiently to any incident that threatens the perimeter security of a facility.

II. APPLICABILITY

Department-owned and contracted facilities and programs, as specified in contract.

III. DEFINITIONS

Incident Commander (IC) – The individual with overall authority and responsibility for conducting all incident activities and managing all operations at the incident site.

IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES

A. General Requirements

1. Each facility will develop operational procedures for maintaining perimeter security consistent with the guidelines established within this policy and related Department policies including *DOC Policy 3.2.1(A), Emergency Operations Plan*.

2. Threats to perimeter security that may facilitate an escape or compromise facility security will be responded to and remedied as quickly as possible; threats include, but are not limited to the following:
   a. inclement weather resulting in reduced visibility;
   b. unauthorized vehicles;
   c. external assaults;
   d. damage reducing perimeter visibility or the ability to contain offenders;
   e. alteration to grounds that may aid in escape or concealment of an offender; and
   f. placement of any object adjacent to or on grounds that may allow unauthorized entry into the perimeter or egress from the facility.

3. Whenever a member(s) of the public is engaged in an attempt to breach perimeter security, law enforcement will be immediately notified; staff may arrest the person and may use reasonable force to detain the person until law enforcement takes custody of the person in accordance with *46-6-502, MCA*.

B. Responsibilities

1. The facility administrator will:
   a. designate trained staff members responsible for emergency perimeter security; and
   c. establish emergency post locations to provide additional perimeter coverage and control vehicle traffic during an emergency.
2. The incident commander will:
   a. in the event that adequate staff members are not available to maintain perimeter security, seek the assistance of local law enforcement and brief responding personnel;
   b. establish and maintain operations; and
   c. brief assigned staff members.

V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Department Emergency Preparedness Planning Manager.

VI. REFERENCES

A. 2-15-112, MCA; 46-6-502, MCA; 53-1-203, MCA
B. DOC Policy 3.2.1(A), Emergency Operations Plan

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None