

### **3.2.4 Fire Prevention, Evacuation and Suppression**

#### **I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Johnstown Police Department that all personnel comply with the provisions of this general order and afford the highest degree of safety for detainees while in police custody.

#### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this general order is to establish guidelines for the temporary detention of detainees. This order meets all current laws for the temporary detention of male, female and juvenile detainees. It provides for the safety of the officers and the detainees.

#### **III. Procedure**

##### **A. Fire Prevention Procedures**

1. Smoking will not be permitted in any temporary holding area. The patrol supervisor may allow exceptions, provided the detainee is monitored in person and is not left with any cigarettes, matches, lighters or other contraband.

##### **B. Fire Evacuation Procedures**

1. In the event of a fire or fire alarm Engine 36-1 located on the first floor will immediately act in accordance with their firefighting skills and training.
2. Upon discovery of a fire, the officer will immediately notify 911 or activate the manual fire alarm.
3. Personnel may attempt to extinguish the fire if the fire is controllable. However, the first responsibility is the safety of the detainees and reporting the fire.
4. Detainees will be evacuated through the closest exit door and escorted to safety. Illuminated exit signs are posted along with posted evacuation routes to assist in the evacuation.
5. When detainees have been evacuated, the patrol supervisor or his/her designee will check for any injuries and if necessary make arrangements for treatment or transport of the detainees to a medical facility.

**3.2.4 continued**

6. If the facility is damaged and entrance is prohibited, the patrol supervisor shall make arrangements to house detainees at another suitable location.

**C. Fire Suppression**

1. Personnel may attempt to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher, which are located in or near all temporary holding areas.

Effective Date:

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By Order Of:

Craig Foust  
Chief Of Police