



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

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TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION

RE: GUIDELINES FOR SERT TEAMS

The Commission of Correction has researched and compiled a Guidelines Manual for Special Emergency Response Teams (SERT) in Local Correctional Facilities. The manual outlines the important factors in determining the need for a SERT team, the personnel selection process, policy and procedure development, training, equipment, and use of force as it relates to a SERT team's use. While these Guidelines have not yet been promulgated as part of the Minimum Standards, they will be employed by Commission staff in evaluating SERT performance, particularly in Reportable Incidents.

These manuals are available to those agencies considering creation of a SERT, or to those which operate a SERT and wish to measure compliance with the Commission guidelines. Please send requests for a SERT Guidelines Manual to:

SERT Manual Request
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