

Earthquakes

405.1 EARTHQUAKE

The Watch Commander shall immediately assess the situation and provide for such emergency services, as may be required.

Facility medical staff shall assume responsibility for the treatment of all injuries and the decision to use ambulance/life support transportation.

Overall security responsibility shall remain with the Watch Commander.

The Watch Commander shall insure notification of the Facility Manager as soon as the situation reasonably allows.

Visitors present during an earthquake will be removed from the facility as soon as it is safe to do so.

Specific staff responsibilities in an earthquake situation are:

- Maintain control of inmates.
- Administer required first aid.
- Continually assess the situation and to relay the information to the Watch Commander on a timely basis.
- Assess life threatening hazards.
- Assess structural damage.
- Assess building condition.
- Assess water leaks.
- Assess security needs.
- Assess electrical problems.