SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE DETENTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

TO: ALL STAFF

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY FENCE EXTRACTION PROTOCOL

POLICY

In the event a youth attempts to escape and becomes trapped in concertina/razor wire, the youth’s safety is our most pressing concern.

PROCEDURES

A. Emergency Notification

1. In the event a youth attempts to escape and becomes trapped in concertina/razor wire, unit staff shall immediately initiate the following procedure:

   a. Notify Control and the Duty Officer, via radio, that a youth is caught hanging from the fence and providing the unit number or fence location.

   b. One staff member is to remain with the youth at all times.

   c. Unit staff are to secure the remaining youth on the affected unit and make a formal count.

   d. The Control staff will announce an “Escape Attempt Youth Caught in Fence” and give the location.

   e. The Duty Officer or designee will then immediately dial 9-911 to contact the French Camp Fire Department.

B. General Guidelines

1. The Duty Officer shall direct two staff to retrieve the 16-foot “A-frame” ladder located in the fenced area outside the front door of the Work Project office.

2. Staff shall position the ladder under the youth so the youth can be stabilized until emergency response personnel arrive.
3. Staff should not attempt to remove the youth unless specifically instructed to do so by the Duty Officer. Wait for Emergency Personnel.

4. The Duty Officer, or designee, shall meet French Camp Fire Department responders at the designated zone response location. Staff are to open any doors, or gates, as needed by responding emergency personnel.

5. If Clinic staff are available, the Duty Officer shall request their presence at the scene to direct first aid until the Fire Department arrives.

6. Staff are to be aware that attempts to remove a youth may cause additional injury. **Staff are not to cut the razor wire** - the wire is coiled and under tension, and additional injuries to the youth and staff may result. **Wait for Fire Department Personnel.**