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GROUND SUPPORT

- A. **Proponent:** Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System, Telephone (816) 467-1900; FAX (816) 467-1980.
- B. **Purpose:** The purpose of this directive is to establish policy and procedures for the movement of any prisoner or alien by the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), and the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that uses the aircraft prisoner and alien exchange process for the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS). This policy directive does not include prisoners moved by USMS within a district or up to 50 miles in a bordering district.
- C. **Authority:** The Director's authority to supervise the USMS and issue written directives is set forth in 28 CFR 0.111 and 28 USC 561(g).
- D. **Policy:**
1. The USMS may receive, process, transport, handle property for, and maintain custody of all federal prisoners held in the custody of a Marshal or the Bureau of Prisons, aliens who have been criminally charged, and aliens in the custody of the Attorney General.
 2. Unless instructed otherwise by the Assistant Director, JPATS; the Chief of JPATS Operations; Deputy Assistant Director, JPATS; or the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal (CDUSM) JPATS Security, male and female detainees may be transported together on JPATS flights. When possible, female detainees will be under the visual surveillance of a female guard or Deputy U.S. Marshal.
 3. Only people assigned to JPATS flight operations or air operation security duties will be transported aboard JPATS aircraft unless otherwise approved by the Assistant Director for JPATS or his or her designee(s).
 4. Media requests for photographs and/or ride-alongs on JPATS aircraft are subject to USMS directive *Media Policy*. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by DOJ; the Associate Director of Operations; the Assistant Director, JPATS; Deputy Assistant Director, JPATS; or the Chief Deputy, JPATS Security. Send requests for exceptions to the Chief, Office of Public Affairs.
- E. **Procedures:** See USMS Publication 19 for procedures.

Note: Minor changes - updated delegation of authority, telephone numbers, and the name of ICE from Bureau. Per email dated 9/29/08 from JPATS. Archived Policy: [Ground Support](#)