

Media Advisory

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Scheduled Maintenance at State Penitentiary Requires Facility Lock Down

LINCOLN, Neb. – A planned and scheduled maintenance event is taking place today at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, which is the last phase in a long-term maintenance project. The event is expected to take 8 to 12 hours. All inmate living locations and administrative areas will be without power during this time.

During the maintenance event, the facility will be in a lock down status, which means all inmates will be confined to their cells for the duration of the event. Meals and medications will be served in-cell. Cell phones and radios will be utilized for internal and external communication as the facility's phone system will not be operational.

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Nebraska State Patrol are providing equipment and assistance to the Penitentiary as needed.

“Our job is to keep people safe,” said Director Frakes. “This event requires us to operate the facility manually and we are prepared to do so. Our emergency plan allows for every precaution to ensure that the public is not at risk.”

When the power is restored, the facility will return to normal operations.

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