

# *Gendarmería de Chile*

(Judicial Police of Chile)



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The Chilean Gendarmerie (Judicial Police of Chile) is Chile's national prison service. This armed service belongs to the Ministry of Justice.

## **Special units:**

### **Sección Armamento y Munición - SAM (Armament and Ammunition Section)**

Created by decree of Justice # 355 of January 25, 1966. Its responsibilities include the distribution and control of arms, ammunition and chemicals, and the maintenance of weapons.

### **Sección Prevención Eventos Críticos - SPEC (Critical Events Prevention Section)**

Main task: the prevention of critical events, such as disasters natural, fires, floods, in the precincts where Gendarmerie of Chile has the function of monitoring and control. When things go wrong SPEC coordinates the distribution of equipment and fire safety features nationally in its field of competence.

### **Centro Especial Adiestramiento Canino - CEAC (Special Canine Training Center)**

This unit specializes in training dogs for surveillance, drugs and explosives detection.

### **Sección de Operaciones Tácticas - SOT (Tactical Operations Section)**

The Tactical Operations Section is a specialized team created in March 1996. It specializes in tactical intervention, hostage-taking, riots, mass escapes, and other events that threaten the security of prisons.

### **Unidad de Servicios Especiales Penitenciarios - USEP (Special Unit of Correctional Services)**

Grupo Especial Antimotines - GEAM (Riot Task Force)

Grupo Especial de Traslado - GET (Transfer Task Force)

USEP is the result of a merger between GEAM and GET. It is responsible for the transfer of defendants and convicted both in the metropolitan area and nationally, either at the disposal of the respective courts and transfer of criminal and special units, as well as mass movements of prison population. The Task Force also reacts to situations of internal disturbance in prisons.

## **Rehabilitation Centers:**

Nationally there are 37 social rehabilitation centers, located in Arica, Iquique, Antofagasta, Calama, Copiapo, Vallenar, La Serena, Ovalle, Quillota, Quilpué, Valparaiso, Los Andes, San Antonio, Rancagua, San Fernando, Curicó, Talca, Linares, Cauquenes, Chillán, Concepción (Bio-Bio), Los Angeles, Cañete, Angol, Temuco, Valdivia, Osorno, Puerto Montt, Castro, Coyhaique, Punta Arenas, Santiago, Santiago Sur, Santiago Poniente, Santiago East.

## Gendarmería de Chile on HF

**Frequencies:** 3239, 6900, 7915, 9970, 10505, 12165, 13536, 15630, 16015 kHz USB

### **ALE idents:**

ANTOFAGASTA	Antofagasta
ARICA	Arica
AYSEN	Puerto Aisén
ATACAMA	Atacama
BIOBIO	Región del Bío-Bío
CALAMA	Calama
CARRO49	? (called by CMC)
CASTRO	Castro
CHILECHICO	Chile Chico
CMC	Centro de Mando y Control
COCHRANE	Cochrane
COPIAPO	Copiapó
COYHAIQUE	Coyhaique
ILLAPEL	Illapel
IQUIQUE	Iquique
NEUVAVIDA	Nueva Vida (tentative)
OVALLE	Ovalle
PUNTAARENAS	Punta Arenas
PUERTOMONTT	Puerto Montt
PUERTOAYSEN	Puerto Aisén
PUERTONATALES	Puerto Natales
RANCAGUA	Rancagua
SANANTONIO	San Antonio
SANTIAGO	Santiago de Chile
SERENA	La Serena
TALCA	Talca
TALTAL	Taltal
TEMUCO	Temuco
TOCOPILLA	Tocopilla
VALDIVIA	Valdivia
VALPARAISO	Valparaíso

The callsigns most likely belong to the above mentioned rehabilitation centers.

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### **Sources / related websites**

Wikipedia

<http://www.gendarmeria.gob.cl/>

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