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CATEGORY:	COUNTY PAROLE AND ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY
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SUBJECT:	FIRE CAMPS
RELATED SECTIONS:	

PURPOSE

Provide general guidelines for the screening and placement of sentenced California Penal Code § 1170(h) inmates at fire camps.

POLICY

Inmates sentenced pursuant to California Penal Code § 1170(h) currently in the custody of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department (SDSD) may be screened for participation in the fire camps. The fire camps will be operated collaboratively by Cal Fire and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) as an alternative housing option. Participants will be screened by the Inmate Processing Division (IPD), Jail Population Management Unit (JPMU) and Medical Services Division (MSD). Each inmate will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

PROCEDURE

I. SELECTION

- A. Program participation will be on a voluntary basis, initiated by the inmate, via an Inmate Request (J-21) form to IPD.

IPD staff will verify the inmate is eligible under the following criteria:

- 1. Inmate is sentenced under California Penal Code 1170(h) with at least 18 months in custody for male inmates and 6 months in custody for female inmates (after application of credits).
 - 2. Inmate is not sentenced as a mandatory supervision offender.
- B. A CDCR County Fire Camp Offender Screening and Processing form will be submitted via email to the IPD, Fire Camp email account inbox.
 - C. The Fire Camp Screening Packet (FCSP) electronic file will be stored in the IPD, Fire Camp email account. As each division completes their review, they will update the electronic file as well as the Fire Camp Tracking Spreadsheet to identify that it is ready for the next screening step.
 - D. Non-Qualified Inmates

The electronic FCSP's title will be changed to identify that the inmate was disqualified. IPD will place the original J-21 and a copy of the Fire Camp Decision (J-141) form in the inmate's custody record, and a copy of both will be returned to the inmate with a written

explanation of denial. The electronic FCSP will be printed and placed in the inmate's custody record. This same procedure will be followed when inmates are disqualified by MSD, JPMU or CDCR.

E. Qualified Inmates

The electronic FCSP's title will be changed to identify that it is ready to be screened by JPMU.

II. CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING

A. JPMU staff will screen the inmate's history using the following criteria:

Definitive Exclusionary Criteria:

1. Violent felonies
Current or prior PC 667.5(c) convictions or comparable out-of-state conviction(s).
2. Serious felonies
Current or prior PC 1192.7(c) and/or PC 1192.8 convictions(s) or comparable out-of-state conviction(s).
3. History of escape or "walk-away" within the past ten years.
4. Active felony hold, warrant or detainer for a felony offense.
5. Misdemeanor holds are not exclusionary except where it is unclear whether a charge is a felony or a misdemeanor.
6. Active or potential United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (U.S. ICE) hold with prior deportation.
7. Active U.S. ICE hold with no prior deportation [REDACTED].
8. [REDACTED]
9. Disciplinary history, which includes any in-custody misconduct in the last 12 months of incarceration, resulting in a finding of guilt that could constitute a felony, whether or not prosecution is pursued.
10. A CDCR Security Housing Unit (SHU) or Psychiatric Service Unit (PSU) term in the last 12 months.
11. Designated high notoriety or public interest case.
12. Current or prior commitment for arson of structure, forest, property or arson with injuries.

13. Conviction, arrest or detention for possession of explosive device.
- B. JPMU staff will have the applicant review and sign a CDC 128-B form. If the applicant does not agree to the terms outlined on the form, it will automatically disqualify the inmate for Fire Camp.

C. Qualified Inmates

The electronic FCSP's title will be changed to identify that it is ready to be screened by MSD.

III. MEDICAL SCREENING

A. MSD staff will screen the inmate using the following criteria:

1. Functional Capacity

- a. Has no work restrictions
- b. Has bilateral vision with 20/40 each eye with corrective spectacles
- c. Has good bilateral grip strength
- d. Has good mobility and endurance
- e. Able to dig ditches, chop wood and haul water
- f. Able to work at high altitudes

2. No chronic medical conditions or chronic medical conditions that are in good control and are common conditions.

3. Does not require any medications to be administered by a nurse. Requires only access to limited nurse sick call and to emergency care.

4. Requires two or fewer consultations to General Surgery, Orthopedics, GYN, Radiology, Ophthalmology or Internal Medicine.

B. Mental Health Criteria

1. Is not presently prescribed any psychotropic medication (e.g., antipsychotics, antidepressants or mood stabilizers).

2. Has been screened by a Mental Health Clinician who has determined that the individual:

- a. Has a past history of mental health treatment and has been emotionally stable without psychotropic medication(s) for a period of at least six months or;
- b. Does not require mental health treatment.

C. Dental Criteria

1. Is not presently awaiting delivery of dental prosthesis.

2. Is not currently experiencing toothache/pain.

3. Has no unusual or soft tissue pathology requiring treatment within 60 days.

D. Qualified Inmates

The electronic FCSP's title will be changed to notify IPD that the inmate is ready to continue the selection process.

IV. CDCR APPROVAL

A. All qualified FCSP packets will be electronically sent to CDCR via a Secure Transfer Protocol for their approval.

B. CDCR will notify IPD of the acceptance or denial of the inmate packets provided.

C. IPD will create the Fire Camp transfer list with qualified inmates and notify JPMU to arrange for the inmate to be transported to CDCR.

D. Once the inmate is transferred to Fire Camp, County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit (CPAC) staff should be notified to place the inmate into appropriate housing area in the Jail Information Management System (JIMS).

V. TRANSPORTATION

A. Male Inmates

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

a. The inmates will be fed breakfast before the arrival of Statewide Transportation.

b. [REDACTED]

3. Inmates are not allowed to take any property with them to Fire Camp. All male inmate property will be stored at the East Mesa Reentry Facility (EMRF).

B. Female Inmates

1. [REDACTED]

2. Inmates are not allowed to take any property with them to Fire Camp. All female inmate property will be stored at LCDRF.

VI. HOUSING

Inmates at fire camp will be housed under the CPAC housing area in JIMS. They will be considered to be out at an alternative housing site and under the responsibility of CPAC.

A. Fire Camp Returns

1. Inmates are to be returned to SDSD custody at least 30 days before release date.
2. Inmates may need to be returned to custody for various reasons, to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Sickness, or need medical care beyond what is available at the camp.
 - b. They are injured at camp.
 - c. Unable to complete the training.
 - d. Violate the camp rules.

B. CPAC will be notified of any change in an inmate's housing situation in order to move the inmate back into the respective SDSD's facility X-module.

C. If an inmate is returned to SDSD's custody for medical reasons, the inmate may return back to their original Fire Camp location upon clearance by SDSD's medical staff. An IPD staff member from EMRF will coordinate the transport back to Fire Camp along with SDSD's medical staff, CDCR and the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) processing sergeant. [REDACTED]

VII. RETURN TO CUSTODY

A. Transporting Deputy

1. Will complete or ensure an Inmate Status Report is written in JIMS detailing the reason for the return to custody of a Fire Camp inmate.
2. The deputy will take custody of the inmate and may need to sign the CDCR Body Receipt (Form 123) to accomplish the transfer of the inmate.

B. Male Inmates

CDCR staff will contact the designated Sheriff's staff member. The SDCJ processing sergeant will then be notified to arrange for a deputy to meet with their staff to return the inmate to custody. CPAC staff will be the second point of contact if SDCJ cannot provide a transport deputy.

1. [REDACTED]
2. The deputy will then transport the inmate to a designated facility for return to custody.

C. Female Inmates

1. CDCR Fire Camp staff will return female inmates to CIW. CDCR Fire Camp staff will notify the designated Sheriff staff member. The SDSD's Prisoner Transportation Detail will be notified to pick-up the returned inmate during their regularly scheduled transportation run to CIW.
2. If the inmate is located in San Diego County and needs to be returned to our custody immediately, CDCR will contact the designated Sheriff's staff member.

[REDACTED]

D. Injured Inmates

[REDACTED]

- E. A JPMU or CPAC staff member should be notified to move the inmate in JIMS to the designated facility.