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LINE-UP TRAINING

Inmate Search Procedures

Topic # 19

After discussing/reviewing the below training material in line-up (briefing), sworn staff shall sign off as completed in LMS. In the event a staff member is not present when this topic is discussed in line-up, they shall independently read, review, and complete the training.

By clicking "Yes" to "Have you completed this activity?" in LMS, you are attesting that you have viewed, read, and completed the training activity.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this training is to provide a safe and secure environment for inmates and staff in compliance with the applicable legal standards during a strip search.

II. POLICY

All inmate searches shall be conducted for the purpose of providing a safe and secure environment for inmates and staff in compliance with legal standards (Bull v. City and County of San Francisco, 595 F.3d 964 (9th Cir.2010)).

Inmates who identify as transgender, intersex, or non-binary shall not be subject to a strip search or body scan, prior to being interviewed by JPMU, unless exigent circumstances exist.

This training is conducted in adherence to [DSB P&P Section I.52 - Inmate Searches](#), [Detention P&P I.89 - Use of Force](#), and [DSB P&P Section R.13- Transgender, Intersex and Non-Binary Inmates](#).

III. DISCUSSION

Staff shall review and discuss the following topics and procedures as described in [DSB P&P Section I.52 - Inmate Searches](#) and [DSB P&P Section R.13- Transgender, Intersex and Non-Binary Inmates](#) and related facility specific green sheets.

A. DEFINITIONS

1. Intake search
2. Strip search
3. Body scan
4. Clothing exchange



5. Body cavity
6. Physical body cavity search
7. Reasonable suspicion
8. General population housing
9. Transgender
10. Intersex
11. Non-Binary

B. PAT-DOWN SEARCHES

1. Discuss pat-down search requirements. Absent exigent circumstances, deputies will at a minimum, pat down inmates under the following conditions:
 - a. Prior to inmate being transported out of facility
 - b. Prior to a professional or contact visit
 - c. Following a professional or social contact visit
 - d. Returning to housing from programs
2. Inmates subject to pat-down searches (all inmates)
3. Restrictions to pat-down searches of inmates of the opposite gender (or requested per S-350 form)
 - a. JIMS "PDS-Pat Down Search" entries

C. BODY SCAN PROCEDURES

1. Authorized body scanner operators
2. Viewing of body scan monitors by authorized personnel
3. Arrestees subject to body scan
 - a. Restrictions for known pregnant inmate
 - b. Inmates who identify as transgender, intersex, or non-binary
4. Body scanner "Radiation Safety Zone" parameters
5. Procedures for identified anomalies in the body scan (concealed contraband/foreign objects)
6. In custody inmate body scans
 - a. Inmates returning to facilities
 - b. Inmates return from social or professional visits
 - c. Inmate workers
7. Inmate refusal to undergo body scan

D. STRIP SEARCH PROCEDURES

1. Appropriate strip search areas
2. Persons conducting or otherwise present during strip searches
 - a. Review Gender Identity Statement of Preference Form (J-350) for searching transgender, intersex, or non-binary inmates.
 - b. Review JIMS gender identity hazard/instruction codes (TGF, TGM, and TGX)
 - c. Review JIMS strip search preference codes for (MSS and FSS)



3. Exclusion of "book and release" inmates
4. Strip search time parameters (wants/warrants check completed, time to post bail)
5. Reasonable suspicion and Strip Search Authorization Request (J-52 Form) approval
6. In custody/general population inmate strip searches
 - a. Inmates returning to facilities
 - b. Inmates return from social or professional visits
 - c. Inmate workers
 - d. Scheduled or unscheduled searches
 - e. Criminal investigations
7. Group strip searches and individual privacy
8. Instructions for conducting a visual strip search (see last page)

E. NON-COOPERATIVE INMATES

Arrestees who meet the requirements of a mandatory strip search and refuse to cooperate in the strip search will be strip searched observing the following:

1. Prior to strip searching non-cooperative inmates, deputies shall notify a supervisor and receive approval.
2. Only force that is reasonable and necessary to conduct the search will be used.
3. Sworn supervisor, of the same (or requested per the J-350 form) gender as the inmate, directly supervise, but not participate in the forced strip search. If the supervisor and the inmate are of the opposite gender (or requested per the J-350 form), the supervisor will remain in the immediate area, but not within the line of sight.
4. Appropriate locations for forced strip search
5. NetRMS Documentation
6. Digital video recordings

F. URINALYSIS TESTING (East Mesa Reentry Facility only)

G. BODY CAVITY SEARCHES

No physical body cavity search or seizure shall be conducted without a search warrant. Contract medical personnel will perform the physical body search. If necessary, deputies may assist with restraining the inmate. If force is used, a use of force report shall be written and submitted in accordance with [Detention P&P I.89](#). Under no circumstances shall sworn personnel conduct such a search.

H. COURT RELEASES

Inmates returning from court may have been granted a release from custody. Detention facility personnel shall make every effort to investigate any inmate's claim that he/she was granted a release from the court. Until confirmation can be made by contacting the court and/or detention processing staff, detention facility deputies shall not conduct a strip search of the inmate.



However, to maintain the security of the facility and safety of staff and inmates, deputies shall conduct a pat down search of these inmates for contraband and/or weapons.



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