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SUBJECT:	SAFETY CELLS; DEFINITION AND USE

PROCEDURE

Safety cells are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). The safety cells on the 3rd floor should only be used if the safety cells on the 2nd floor are full or at the watch commander's discretion. The medical screening deputy and the psychiatric stabilization unit deputy are responsible for checking the safety cells on their assigned floors; however, any deputy may assist with the safety cell checks.

Medical staff will attempt to check the incarcerated persons vitals prior to being placed into the safety cell. Although every attempt will be made to check an incarcerated persons vitals, should an incarcerated person be too uncooperative or combative to safely do so, the observations/actions shall be notated in the Safety Cell Placement and/or Safety Cell Update ISRs.

The incarcerated persons name, booking number and time of placement will be placed on the observation log located outside the safety cell door. The deputy initiating the placement will be responsible for this entry. At each safety cell check the deputy will offer the incarcerated person water unless they are sleeping. An entry on the observation log will need to reflect if water was offered, given, refused, or if the incarcerated person was asleep.

All articles of clothing are removed as a safety precaution and will be placed in a brown paper bag labeled with the incarcerated persons name and booking number on it if not already dressed in jail issued clothing. The brown paper bag will be placed inside one of two safety cell lockers located outside the safety cells. The locker number will correspond to the safety cell location listed on the observation log. The placement deputy will be responsible for making sure the incarcerated persons property is placed in the appropriate locker. Articles of value removed from the incarcerated person will be inventoried and noted on a second inventory slip or given to the arresting officer.

A copy of the safety cell placement report and any safety cell update reports will be placed on the clipboard next to the cell. When the incarcerated person is cleared from the safety cell, the report(s) and the paper observation log will be placed in the incarcerated persons custody record.

When a late safety cell check is observed and/or conducted, the deputy shall notify the watch commander or designee. The supervisor notified of the late safety cell check will initial and ARJIS next to the late entry on the (J-19). This entry can be entered immediately or when the supervisor conducts a required log review.