

DATE:	January 20, 2021
NUMBER:	J.2.V
SUBJECT:	SOBERING CELLS- DEFINITION AND USE

VDF has two sobering cells – one in the Male Intake area and one in the Female Intake area.

PROCEDURE

- I. All inmates placed into a sobering cell will have their name and booking number recorded in the appropriate JIMS area activity log under the "Sobering Cell" dropdown. Clothing shall be checked for contraband, placed in a brown bag, labeled with the inmate's full name and booking number, and placed outside of the sobering cell door.
- II. The maximum capacity of the Female Intake Sobering Cell is 8 inmates (184 square feet). The Female Intake Deputy is responsible for maintaining an Observation Log on all inmates in the sobering cell. The Observation Log will be kept outside of the sobering cell door.
- III. The maximum capacity of the Male Intake Sobering Cell is 7 inmates (143 square feet). The Intake Rover is responsible for maintaining an Observation Log on all inmates in the sobering cell. The Observation Log will be kept outside of the sobering cell door.
- IV. Some factors to be considered when placing more than one inmate in a sobering cell are:
 - A. The inmate's observed behavior (i.e. combative, argumentative, unable to walk or stand without assistance, etc.).
 - B. The classification status of an inmate (i.e. PC, Ad-Seg, GB, etc.).
- V. The Processing Sergeant should be present during sobering cell placements. If the Processing Sergeant cannot be physically present during the placement, notification shall be made that the sobering cell placement is taking place. The Processing Sergeant shall check the Observation Log twice a shift. This process ensures deputies are adhering to the time compliance of safety checks every 20 to 30 minutes. The Processing Sergeant will review the Observation Log entry times referring to the previous sergeant's review. The Processing Sergeant will utilize the Observation Log to document the date, time, and his/her initials and ARJIS number.
- VI. When an inmate is cleared from the sobering cell, a log entry will be made in the JIMS Area Activity Log under "Sobering Cell." The entry will record the inmate's name, booking number, and that he/she was cleared from the sobering cell. This event will also be notated on the Observation Log. Once the inmate is cleared from the sobering cell, both the Watch Commander and Processing Sergeant will be notified. The Observation Log will be given to the Processing Sergeant. The Processing Sergeant will review the Observation Log, note any discrepancies (i.e. late checks, etc.) and place their initial and ARJIS at the bottom of each page. The sergeant will place the log into the inmate's custody record.

Upon clearing the sobering cell, the deputy will escort the inmate to the Pre-Intake area for medical staff to medically evaluate the inmate.