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<b>RELATED SECTIONS:</b>	P.C. 1170(h) & DSB P&P <a href="#">E.1</a>

PURPOSE

Provide general guidelines for the screening and placement of committed California Penal Code 1170(h) incarcerated people at fire camps.

POLICY

Incarcerated people committed 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 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) as an alternative housing option. Participants will be screened by the Detentions Processing Division (DPD), Jail Population Management Unit (JPMU) and Medical Services Division (MSD). Each incarcerated person will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

PROCEDURE

I. SELECTION

- A. Program participation will be on a voluntary basis, initiated by the incarcerated person, via an Incarcerated Person Request (J-21) form to DPD.

DPD staff will verify the incarcerated person is eligible under the following criteria:

- 1. They are committed under California Penal Code 1170(h) with at least 18 months in custody for male incarcerated persons and 6 months in custody for female incarcerated persons (after application of credits).
  - 2. They are 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 DPD, Fire Camp email account inbox.
  - C. The Fire Camp Screening Packet (FCSP) electronic file will be stored in the DPD, 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 it is ready for the next screening step.

D. Non-Qualified Incarcerated Persons

The electronic FCSP's title will be changed to identify the incarcerated person was disqualified. DPD will place the original J-21 and a copy of the Fire Camp Decision (J-141) form in the incarcerated person's custody record, and a copy of both will be returned to them with a written explanation of denial. The electronic FCSP will be printed and placed in their custody record. This same procedure will be followed when they are disqualified by MSD, JPMU or CDCR.

E. Qualified Incarcerated Persons

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

II. CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING

A. JPMU staff will screen the incarcerated person'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 and no immediate family ties and/or no established work history of 12 months or more.
8. Prison gang membership (active or inactive gang member or associate).
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 Services 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 them for Fire Camp.
- C. Qualified Incarcerated Persons

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

### III. MEDICAL SCREENING

- A. MSD staff will screen the incarcerated person 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 the incarcerated person:

- 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 Incarcerated Persons

The electronic FCSP's title will be changed to notify DPD the incarcerated person 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 DPD of the acceptance or denial of the incarcerated person packets provided.
- C. DPD will create the Fire Camp transfer list with qualified incarcerated people and notify JPMU to arrange for them to be transported to CDCR.
- D. Once the incarcerated person is transferred to Fire Camp, JPMU staff shall be notified to place them into the appropriate housing area in the Jail Information Management System (JIMS).

V. TRANSPORTATION

A. Male Incarcerated Persons

1. Qualified incarcerated people will be transferred to the Vista Detention Facility (VDF) to await transfer to the CDCR High Desert State Prison.
2. CDCR Statewide Transportation will pick up these incarcerated people, as scheduled by CDCR.
  - a. The incarcerated people will be fed breakfast before the arrival of Statewide Transportation.
  - b. Statewide will strip out the incarcerated people and dress them in a CDCR jumpsuit prior to transporting. Incarcerated people will keep jail issued shower shoes during transport.

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

B. Female Incarcerated Persons

1. Qualified incarcerated people will be transported from the Las Colinas Detention Reentry Facility (LCDRF) by the SDS's Prisoner Transportation Detail to the California Institute for Women (CIW). This transport will occur during the regularly scheduled transportation run on **Safety/Security Interests - 7922.000**
2. Incarcerated people are not allowed to take any property with them to Fire Camp. All property will be stored at LCDRF.

VI. HOUSING

Incarcerated people 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.

A. Fire Camp Returns

1. Incarcerated people are to be returned to SDS custody as follows:
  - a. Males – Two to seven days before their release date.
  - b. Females – Two weeks before their release date.
2. Incarcerated people 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. JPMU will be notified of any change in an incarcerated person's housing situation in order to move them back into the respective SDS's facility X-module.

C. If an incarcerated person is returned to SDS's custody for medical reasons, they may return to their original Fire Camp location upon clearance by SDS's medical staff. An DPD staff member from EMRF will coordinate the transport back to Fire Camp along with SDS's medical staff, CDCR and the EMRF central sergeant. Once the details of the transport are coordinated with all parties, an EMRF deputy will complete the transport. The EMRF deputy will meet CDCR at **Safety/Security Interests - 7922.000** thus completing the transfer of the incarcerated person back to Fire Camp.

## VII. RETURN TO CUSTODY

### A. Transporting Deputy

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

### B. Male Incarcerated Persons

CDCR staff will contact the designated Sheriff's DPD staff member. The EMRF central sergeant will then be notified to arrange for an EMRF deputy to meet with CDCR staff to return the incarcerated person to custody.

1. The meeting place will be **Safety/Security Interests - 7922.000**
2. The EMRF deputy will then transport the incarcerated person to a designated facility for return to custody. JPMU will be notified to determine housing designation.

### C. Female Incarcerated Persons

1. CDCR Fire Camp staff will return female incarcerated people 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 incarcerated person during their regularly scheduled transportation run to CIW.
2. If the incarcerated person is located in San Diego County and needs to be returned to Sheriff's custody immediately, CDCR will contact the designated Sheriff's staff member. The watch commander at LCDRF or VDF, whichever is closer, will then be notified to arrange for a deputy to meet them and transfer the incarcerated person.

### D. Injured Incarcerated Person

CDCR staff will take the injured incarcerated person to **Safety/Security Interests - 7922.000** for treatment. If the hospital is within the county, they will contact designated Sheriff's staff member(s). EMRF central sergeant will be notified to arrange for a deputy to relieve their staff and take custody of the incarcerated person.

- E. A JPMU staff member will be notified to move the incarcerated person in JIMS to the designated facility.