San Diego County Sheriff's Department Detention Services Bureau - Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: HOUSING UNIT AREA ACTIVITY LOG

RELATED SECTIONS:

PURPOSE

To record routine and emergency situations involving incarcerated persons and housing unit activities.

POLICY

Deputies assigned to housing units on each shift shall maintain daily shift records of pertinent information regarding incarcerated persons and their activities.

PROCEDURE

- I. All entries will be made in the Operations Logging Activities section of JIMS. The log entries mostly relate to our obligations under Title 15. It is our way of documenting activities and events that occur during shifts to use for possible future reference.
- II. Log entries should be written in short, precise, accurate and businesslike form. The logs are subject to subpoena. Profanity and vulgarity will be avoided, unless quoting an incarcerated person's statement (which will be shown as a quotation).
 - It is the responsibility of the oncoming deputy to review entries in the log as a briefing on problems in the housing unit. Log entries should contain that which is necessary for maintenance of good communication and continuity, between shifts.
- III. The oncoming shift deputy shall review the following JIMS Web reports at the beginning of each shift:
 - 1. "Lower Bunk" and "Lower Bunk and Tier" Discrepancies will be resolved prior to end of shift.
 - 2. "Prior Suicide Attempts" (PSA) will also be reviewed at the start of shift. Where feasible, incarcerated persons who have had a prior suicide attempt will be housed with a cellmate.

Discrepancies will be addressed immediately. A JIMS entry shall be made in the area activity log confirming these reports were reviewed.

- IV. In the event JIMS goes off-line for an extended period of time; the following procedures will be followed to ensure continuity of documentation until JIMS is back on-line.
 - 1. Immediately prior to the time at which the system is scheduled to be taken off-line, an entry in JIMS stating that JIMS will be off-line for maintenance required. If the outage was not scheduled, when possible, add a JIMS Off-line entry around the time the system went down once the system is back on-line.

- 2. Written logs will be utilized when JIMS is unavailable, using the JIMS Off-Line Activity Log (J-7 form).
- 3. When JIMS becomes available again, a log entry stating that JIMS is back on-line is required.
- 4. All information from the J-7 forms into JIMS, making sure the activity times are accurate.
- 5. J-7 forms will be reviewed by the team watch commander or designee to ensure that all information was accurately transcribed into JIMS.
- 6. J-7 forms will be archived appropriately in accordance with the Sheriff's Departments Retention Policy Schedule Report.
- V. Sergeants are required to review JIMS Area Activity Logs at least twice during their shift. Reviews should be conducted in such a manner as to ensure compliance with the minimum standards required under Title 15. Sergeants will make a "Supervisor Log Review" entry in each area's Area Activity Log showing that the check has been completed.
 - A. Each supervisor's log review will extend back to the previous log review, to include the end of the previous shift when necessary.
 - B. The supervisor will explain any discrepancies found in the note section of their log entry.
- VI. Lieutenants (watch commanders) are required to review JIMS Area Activity Logs at least once during their shift. The reviews should be conducted in the prescribed manner listed in Section V.