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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	DETENTION CANINE PROGRAM
<b>RELATED SECTIONS:</b>	DETENTIONS CANINE MANUAL

**PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines for the use of the canines in detentions.

**POLICY**

The Sheriff's Detention Canine Program will be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures contained in the Detentions Canine Manual; however, the operational utilization of the canine teams will be administered and controlled by the facility commander or designee where the canine teams are assigned. Canine teams are assigned to the East Mesa Reentry Facility (EMRF) and Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility (LCDRF). In addition to assisting with the daily operational needs of EMRF and LCDRF, canine teams will regularly be deployed to other facilities.

**PROCEDURE**

**I. OPERATING ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. Although the canine teams are assigned to EMRF and LCDRF, they will not be assigned to a facility POST position due to the on-call nature of their position.
  - 1. Canine teams may assist with facility operations at EMRF and LCDRF and provide relief, as long as the assignments do not interfere with their ability to leave the facility for special details
  - 2. Canine teams may be used outside of their home facility (e.g., call-out assignments, for investigative work, other California Title 15 facilities).
  - 3. At least 48 hours in advance, facility/unit watch commanders may contact an EMRF or LCDRF administrative supervisor to request a canine team for a scheduled search. Absent exigent circumstances, the canine teams will be sent to the location as requested.
  - 4. All other immediate requests, regardless of time, will be made through the Communications Center for tracking/logging purposes. The Communications Center will notify the on-duty canine handler first. In the event the on-duty canine handler is not available, the Communications Center will utilize the canine handler call-out schedule and contact the next available canine handler.
  - 5. Canine teams may be directed to begin shifts at a location other than their home facility.

6. The canine teams may also be utilized for call-out assignments as dictated by the San Diego Sheriff's Canine Unit sergeant.
- B. Certified detention canines must be used in compliance with sections 4.4 and 6.1 of the Detentions Canine Manual.
  - C. Canine teams shall routinely assist with the following:
    1. Searches for contraband in perimeter areas, housing, court holding, intake, processing, public lobby or any other area requested by the watch commander or designee,
    2. Conduct person sniffs.
    3. Based on a positive alert to contraband, coordinate with facility sworn staff for a body scan of an incarcerated person in compliance with Detention Services Bureau Policies and Procedures I.52.

## II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Each facility/unit shall develop a green sheet to include:
  1. Designating an area, if possible, for the canine to rest when not performing specific duties.
  2. The process for staff to request deployment of a canine team. The scheduling of the canine teams will be coordinated between the facility/unit supervisors requesting the canine team and the on-duty supervisors at EMRF and LCDRF.
  3. A process for establishing routine visits by the canine teams to the facility/unit.
- B. Priority will be given to the Detentions Investigation Unit sergeant if a canine team is requested to assist with an investigation.

## III. REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

Reportable incidents will be handled in accordance with section 4.2 of the Detentions Canine Manual.