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PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to set forth and establish procedures for inmate safety checks and the required documentation of the check at Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to, and/or working in any capacity at PDC South Facility.

ORDER:

All inmates in our custody shall be visually checked at least once each hour to ensure their safety and welfare. Lack of proper inmate monitoring and documentation could subject the responsible personnel to disciplinary action and/or civil lawsuits.

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING SAFETY CHECKS

All inmates in our custody shall be visually checked at least once each hour to ensure their safety and welfare. Department members conducting these checks The Title 15 deputy, with the help of compound personnel, shall:

- Enter each barrack in their assigned compound and look at the inmate(s) visually inspect every inmate to look for obvious signs of distress, (e.g., bleeding, trauma, visible injury, choking, difficulty breathing, discomfort, etc.) Personnel shall conduct these checks by entering the inmate housing areas and visually inspecting each inmate. Should there be any doubt regarding an inmates' condition, department members shall attempt to elicit a response from the inmate
 - In cases of inmate distress, escort victim to the PDC South Clinic for a medical exam, inmate injury report and incident report (SH-R-49)

- If unable to elicit a response from the an inmate with signs of distress, personnel shall render the appropriate aid, and request a supervisor and medical staff shall be requested.
- The supervisor and medical staff shall respond to the location and conduct an assessment
- Scan the bar code affixed to each rear barrack door
- Personnel conducting the safety checks shall document their time of each checks scan in the Uniform Daily Activity Log books (UDAL)

All personnel assigned to each compound shall be equally responsible for ensuring all safety checks are completed on schedule and properly entered into the UDAL books.

All security checks shall be conducted with a minimum of two department members. One shall be positioned at the front doors of the barracks while the other(s) physically conducts the inmate security check.

The department member(s) Personnel making conducting the security check shall use the "Title 15 Checks" scanner section on the iPod assigned to their compound to document the walk. This shall be repeated for each barrack in the compound. The time of the walk shall be written in the UDAL. Scanning does not take the place of recording the safety check in the UDAL. After the security checks are completed for the compound, the scanner shall be docked scans stored on the iPod shall be uploaded. Lack of proper inmate monitoring and documentation could subject the responsible personnel to disciplinary action and/or civil lawsuits.

DOCKING UPLOADING THE SCANNERS SCANS

Currently, there are two ways to synchronize (dock) the scanners. The first method is to use the docking cradles located in the IPA, Eddie Compound Trailer or the Report Writing room.

The iPod will be synchronized, and the scans will upload when the user walks into a Wi-Fi "hotspot" (an area where there is a strong Wi-Fi signal).

The second method to synchronize the scanner by standing near a WiFi antenna positioned on the roof of the South Clinic. To verify the scanner iPod is synchronizing, the Title 15 deputy shall:

- Check the connection strength and make sure it has a signal (a signal indicator showing up to four curved lines can be found in the upper left corner). Department members may also check the Title 15 dashboards located in the Watch Sergeants office to confirm compliance.
- Check the lower left corner of the "Title 15 Checks" section to verify there are no pending uploads
 - No pending uploads is denoted by green text followed by a zero (Pending Uploads: 0)
 - Pending uploads is denoted by red text followed by some number (Pending Uploads: 20)
- If the user is in an area with a Wi-Fi signal and the pending uploads do not clear, reboot the iPod using the following steps:
 - Depress the power button (right hand side on top) and home button (bottom, middle on front) simultaneously until the device shuts off
 - Wait several seconds up to a minute and turn device back on using the power button
 - Check the "Title 15 Checks" section to verify if pending scans cleared
 - If scans did not clear, or only partially cleared, repeat the reboot process

~~A complete tutorial on how to dock the scanners is located on the South Facility Intranet page, under the Procedures link.~~

PROBLEMS WITH SCANNER IPOD

~~If a Title 15 scanner an iPod is not in use due to equipment/network failure, department members from the respective area the Title 15 deputy from the compound experiencing the problem shall:~~

- ~~Attempt to troubleshoot using the reboot steps listed above~~
- ~~Immediately notify a sergeant if the problem is not fixed using reboot steps~~
- ~~Enter the issue and notification into the Uniform Daily Activity Log (UDAL)~~
- ~~Borrow a neighboring compound's iPod to complete the safety checks~~
- ~~Submit a request through the Title 15 Support Website via the intranet, Custody Information Portal or by using the following web address: <http://4-web-apps01/Title15//ReportProblem.aspx>~~
- ~~Return iPod to operations and exchange for an alternate iPod, if available~~

~~If there are no available scanners, department members shall still conduct security checks and properly record them in the UDAL. If the Title 15 scanner is unavailable for more than a 24 hour period, notification shall be made to the watch commander and entered into the facility log. If a Title 15 scanner an iPod becomes inoperable due to damage, whether accidental or intentional, a work order shall be submitted and a "Damage to County Property" SH-R-49, "Damage to County Property" report shall be written. A copy of the report shall be sent to the Correctional Innovative Technology Unit (CITU) along with the inoperable Title 15 scanner iPod. If a Title 15 scanner cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced, the respective unit commander shall write a memorandum to the division chief explaining the reason for the replacement.~~

~~If there are no available iPods, personnel shall still conduct security checks and properly record them in the UDAL.~~

WATCH COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY

~~The watch commander shall monitor the hourly Title 15 checks for compliance by using the following LASD intranet link:~~

~~http://4v-cus-w1/custody_portal/sh_monitor/T15_MAIN.cfm?ord1=SOUF~~

~~In the event if the dashboard shows noncompliance, the watch commander shall immediately notify the line sergeant to investigate the reason for the noncompliance notification.~~

WATCH SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITY

~~The watch sergeant shall monitor the hourly Title 15 checks for compliance by using the following LASD intranet link:~~

~~http://4v-cus-w1/custody_portal/sh_monitor/T15_MAIN.cfm?ord1=SOUF~~

~~In the event if the dashboard shows noncompliance, the watch sergeant shall immediately notify the line sergeant and watch commander to investigate the reason for the noncompliance notification.~~

LINE SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITY

The line sergeant shall accompany line personnel on a compound (3 barracks) security check at least once during each shift. The security check shall be documented in the UDAL along with the sergeant's name.

Upon notification from the watch commander or watch sergeant that a compound is out of compliance, the line sergeant shall immediately determine the reason for the noncompliance and have it corrected immediately. The findings shall be reported to the watch commander.

Additionally, the UDAL books shall be audited at least once per week by the Title 15 sergeant to ensure all Title 15 requirements are met and properly documented. Any discrepancies shall be reported via e-mail to the concerned shift lieutenant.

SUPERVISING LINE DEPUTIES RESPONSIBILITY

The supervising line deputies shall assist the line sergeant with ensuring all Title 15 requirements are met and properly documented.

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