

## **Inmate Operation of Heavy Equipment, Vehicles, and Power Tools #0037**

### **PURPOSE OF ORDER:**

The purpose of this order is to establish policy and guidelines on inmates operating motorized vehicles, power equipment, and power tools while assigned to the Fire Camp Training Facility (Fire Camp).

### **SCOPE OF ORDER:**

This order applies to all personnel assigned to the Fire Camp Training Unit/PDC-East Facility and to all personnel assigned to other facilities on the Pitchess Detention Center who supervise Fire Camp work crews.

### **ORDER:**

#### VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Inmate workers are strictly prohibited from operating or driving any heavy equipment or motor vehicles. Heavy equipment shall include, but are not limited to any:

Forklift

Crane

Wheel loader

Backhoe

Motor grader

Bulldozer

Or any other equipment which requires specialized training to operate

Inmates may operate a farm tractor after they have been instructed in safety and operating procedures, and have demonstrated they are competent in operating the tractor. The instructions and acknowledgment of competency will be documented and kept on file with the custodial workgroup officer and in the Fire Camp Operations office.

#### POWER TOOLS

Inmate workers shall not be allowed to use power tools (no matter the power source: electric, pneumatic, liquid fuel, hydraulic, or power actuated) unless it is part of a formalized vocational class in which a certified operator or teacher is present; and inmates are trained and have demonstrated competency in the equipment to be operated. All such training shall be documented, and Inmate Worker Training records shall be kept at the unit

of assignment.

Under appropriate supervision, inmate workers may operate gardening equipment after they have been instructed in safety and operating procedures, and demonstrated they are competent in the use of the equipment. The instructions and acknowledgment of competency shall be documented and kept on file at the unit of assignment. Gardening equipment includes the following, but is not limited to:

- Lawn Mower
- Grass/Weed Trimmer
- Hedge Trimmers
- Chain Saw

The instructions and acknowledgment of competency will be documented and kept on file with the custodial workgroup officer and in the Fire Camp Operations office.

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