5-09/010.00 Inmate Discipline

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Minimum Standards for Adult Detention Facilities, Article 7, inmate discipline shall be based on rules and disciplinary penalties which are clear and uniformly applied. Discipline shall be fair, prompt, and consistent. There shall be no cruel and/or unusual punishment. Force shall never be used as a form of discipline or corporal punishment against an inmate.

The purpose of disciplinary action is to achieve one or more of the following:

- Hold inmates accountable for inappropriate behavior
- Maintain security, order, and compliance with facility rules
- Protect and maintain the facility and the well-being of inmates, staff, and the public.

Any Department member may report a violation of jail rules by an inmate. Deputies and custody assistants may write reports alleging infractions of rules and regulations for consideration of disciplinary action.

Discipline procedures for inmates under the care of mental health staff, inmates who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or inmates with special needs, are governed by CDM section 5-09/020.00, “Discipline Involving Inmates with Mental Illness, Inmates Requiring Accommodations Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and/or Inmates Who Have Special Needs.”