

5-08-020 Inmate Television & Movie Procedures

Reference: CDM 3-17/000.00

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the use of the television by the inmates at South Facility.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to South Facility.

ORDER:

The television at the Main Control Desk controls the televisions located in the inmate barracks throughout the facility. The operation of the television, video cassette recorder (VCR) and/or DVD-R shall be the responsibility of the Watch Deputy. The Watch Deputy shall ensure that the television in the inmate barracks shall be on at all times, daily from 0800-2300 hours, with the following exceptions:

- Inmate count
- Inmate feeding
- An inmate disturbance

The television may be turned off with the approval of the Watch Sergeant for the following reasons:

- Any significant incident as defined in the Custody Division Manual, Section 4-02/00
- Any unusual occurrence

The programming for televised entertainment will be scheduled weekly by Inmate Services and will be monitored by the respective shift sergeant and Inmate Services Sergeant to ensure the schedule is being adhered to. The Watch Deputy shall post the schedule at the Main Control Desk.

All programming shown shall comply with CDM 3-17/000.00, with strict adherence to the following:

Department members are prohibited from bringing in, viewing, or playing any of the following movies, while on-duty, within a County facility, bus, or vehicle:

- Any movie rated "X" or "NC-17"
- Any "R" rated movie, with the exception of those movies provided under contract, by Swank Motion Pictures Inc., which have been edited for viewing in a custodial environment

- Any movie that contains material of a sexually explicit nature
- Any movie that has not been rated by or approved for production by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA)
- Any unrated version of a movie that was formally rated by the MPAA
- Any unlicensed, "bootlegged", or otherwise illegally recorded copy of a movie
- Any television recordings, home-made videos, or movies not licensed for public viewing

The Watch Deputy shall be responsible for strictly adhering to the posted schedule. Any deviation in the scheduled programming requires the permission of the on-duty Watch Commander.

All Watch Sergeant and Watch Commander shall be responsible for monitoring the use of the inmate television on a continual basis.
