

5-01-205 Nighttime Facility Operation

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Reference: CDM 7-02/020.00; Unit Order (UO) 5-08-090

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures regarding the operation of all housing locations during nighttime hours.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to and working at Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility.

ORDER:

For the purpose of this unit order, nighttime hours are defined as:

- Sunday – Thursday (2300 hours – 0700 hours)
- Friday – Saturday (0000 hours – 0700 hours)

Operations throughout the facility during these hours, within inmate housing locations shall be limited for the purpose of inmate and personnel safety. These hours are used to give inmates within each housing location the proper amount of quiet time due to the barrack setting of South Facility. During nighttime hours, lighting within each housing location will be turned off at each barrack panel, leaving each location dimmed. The lower level of light poses a safety risk to the inmates and deputy personnel conducting safety checks. South Facility personnel may turn the lights on for more visibility within any given housing location, for a reasonable amount of time. Lighting shall not be used as any form of discipline.

During the nighttime hours, the inmates' telephones, hotpots, showers, and common seating areas shall not be permitted to be used (refer to UO #05-08-090, "Inmate Telephone Procedures"). All inmates within any given housing location shall remain on their assigned bunk throughout the duration of count (2300 hours) and into the nighttime program.

Inmates shall not be deprived of using the bathrooms or sinks. Under exigent circumstances, the closed areas/items within each housing location may be used at the discretion of a South Facility supervisor and evaluated on a case-by-case basis during nighttime hours.