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POLICY & PROCEDURES

.0601 INMATE CUSTODY CLASSIFICATION

(a) Close Custody Inmates

- (1) Inmates classified for close custody shall be housed in facilities designated as close security unless otherwise approved by the Director or designee.
- (2) The Director, or designee, shall be informed as soon as practical when an inmate classified as close custody is taken out of any Division of Prisons facility for other than authorized activities.
- (3) Whenever an inmate classified as close custody is taken outside a Division of Prisons facility, measures shall be taken commensurate with the inmate's classification and the circumstances surrounding the activity.

(b) Medium Custody Inmates

- (1) Inmates classified as medium custody shall be housed in facilities designated as medium security unless otherwise approved by the Director or designee and shall not be allowed outside the confines of the facility unless authorized by the Director or designee.
- (2) Whenever an inmate classified as medium custody is outside prison facilities approved for medium security, measures shall be taken commensurate with the inmate's classification and the circumstances surrounding the activity.

(c) Minimum Custody Inmates

Inmates classified as minimum custody shall be housed in facilities designated as minimum security unless otherwise approved by the Director or his designee.

(d) Minimum Custody Levels

- (1) Generally, no inmate will be eligible for off-unit activities until classified in minimum custody.
 - (A) Upon promotion to minimum custody, inmates may be assigned to one of three levels of eligibility for off-unit activity assignment considerations.

- (B) Application for the specific activities allowable in each level may be made, but no inmate will be assigned to an off-unit activity until the request is reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities as specified in the policy and procedure governing that specific activity.
 - (C) A complete record documenting the custody classification assignment to each of the minimum custody levels and approval for participation in each of the allowable off-unit activities will be completed and processed before placement.
- (2) Approving Authority. The Region Director, facility head, Classification manger, or designee will be the approving authority for custody classification assignments to each minimum custody level. Upon final approval,custody level assignments shall be accepted, honored at all facility.
 - (3) Specific Minimum Custody Levels. The following levels of minimum custody and their respective levels of activity eligibility are applicable as reviewed and approved by the designated authority:
 - (A) Level I. Generally, Level I inmates are eligible for the following activities:
 - (i) All on-unit programs within the perimeter fence.
 - (ii) On-unit and off-unit work programs under the supervision of correctional employees.
 - (iii) Off-unit work programs under the supervision of agents of the Department of Correction.
 - (B) Level II. Generally, Level II inmates are eligible for supervised activities on-unit and off-unit if appropriately supervised and approved.
 - (i) All activities allowed and approved for Level I inmates.
 - (ii) Off-unit programs and work assignments under supervision of correctional personnel or an agent of the Director of Prisons.
 - (iii) Specific off-unit training programs and mental health, alcohol rehabilitation, approved by the facility head or Region Director. Participants in approved off-unit activities under this section shall be accompanied by an approved representative of the agency under which the program is conducted.
 - (iv) Specific off-unit activities under the supervision of approved community volunteers.

- (C) Level III. Inmates assigned to Level III are eligible for both specific on-unit and off-unit activities as reviewed and approved.
 - (i) All activities approved for Level I and Level II inmates.
 - (ii) Off-unit unsupervised activities necessary to contact prospective employers, secure a suitable residence for use when released on parole or upon discharge.
 - (iii) Work release, study release, and family visits as reviewed and approved in accordance with the governing policies and procedures for the specific program.
 - (iv) Other authorized activities as duly reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities under the rules and regulations of the specific activity.

.0602 INMATE CONTROL STATUS CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

- (a) Maximum Control (Mcon)
 - (1) Inmates assigned to a maximum control status are removed from the regular population and isolated from others and are those deemed to represent an imminent threat to the life and safety of other inmates or staff, or who otherwise pose a serious threat to the security and operation of the prison facility. They represent the more dangerous, assaultive, or predatory inmate who through repeated rule violations, assaultive behavior or confrontations with other inmates, represent a continuously disruptive influence on the facility.
 - (2) Whenever an inmate is assigned to maximum control is removed from the designated housing area, appropriate measures will be taken to provide appropriate safety and security control and to protect the operation of the facility, other inmates, and staff.
 - (3) Given the significant threat represented by these inmates, inmates in a maximum control status will not be removed from that status without proper authorization.
- (b) Disciplinary Segregation (Dseg)
 - (1) Inmates assigned to a disciplinary segregation status are isolated in a secure control area as a punitive sanction imposed as a result of being found guilty of a rule violation.
 - (2) Whenever an inmate assigned to disciplinary segregation is removed from the designated housing area appropriate measures will be taken to provide appropriate

security and control.

(c) Administrative Segregation (Aseg)

- (1) Inmates assigned to an administrative segregation status are those temporarily removed from the regular inmate population and restricted to a more secure control area. The intent is to restrict and control the inmate in keeping with the restrictions necessary and authorized by the approving inmate classification authority.
- (2) Whenever an inmate assigned to an administrative segregation status is removed from the designated housing area appropriate measures will be taken to provide appropriate security and control.

(d) Protective Control (Pcon)

- (1) Inmates assigned to a protective control status are housed and managed separately in those housing areas deemed sufficient and appropriate to provide the safety and security required given the particular circumstances of the inmate or the Division.
- (2) Whenever an inmate assigned to protective control is removed from the designated housing area appropriate measures will be taken to provide appropriate safety and security control.

(e) Intensive Control (Icon)

- (1) Inmates assigned to an intensive supervision control status are restricted to particular sections of the facility in which they are assigned for control reasons by the designated facility head.
- (2) Whenever an inmate assigned to an intensive control status is removed from the designated housing area appropriate measures will be taken to provide appropriate safety and security control.

(f) Regular Population (Rpop)

Inmates unless otherwise assigned are placed into the regular inmate population designated for housing inmates of like custody, control and activity assignments.

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