

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

CHAPTER 7 - INMATE PROGRAMS
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RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

POLICY

All inmates will be provided an opportunity to participate in religious services and counseling on a voluntary basis unless security and safety concerns dictate otherwise. Clergy and lay clergy will be cleared for access into the facility by Prisoner Services under the direction of the Admin. Lieutenant

PROCEDURE

All persons delivering religious services within the secure areas of the jail must be from a recognized community religion. All persons shall be cleared for admittance to the secure areas by Prisoner Services. Religious program personnel will wear visitor passes at all times and be escorted by a Deputy throughout the facility.

Times and days for services are posted on the Pod event calendar in each multi-purpose room. Inmates interested in attending the service meet in the multi-purpose room at the designated time. If there are more inmates than space allows, the overflow inmates' names are placed on a list and given first seats at the next available service.

Clergy wishing to privately counsel inmates may do so through normal visiting channels. Extended visiting hours for clergy may be granted by the Hsg. Sergeant. Religious materials may be brought into the facility with the permission of the Bkg. Sergeant. Only soft bound books and pamphlets will be allowed.

Inmates who do not wish to participate in religious counseling or services will not be exposed to such activities. Persons delivering religious programs to the facility are not to call to inmates or intimidate inmates to solicit their participation in religious services. Any person violating this policy will lose their clearance to enter the secure areas of the facility.

RELATED STANDARDS

Title 15, Article 6, Section 1072
Chapter 4, Section 19
Chapter 7, Section 1
Chapter 8, Section 11

DATE REVISED
None

By order of

DANIEL PAYNE

BUREAU COMMANDER