



# FIRE PROTECTION TRAINING

Procedures Handbook 4300

ORIENTATION

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**TOPIC:** WORKING WITH CALIFORNIA INMATE FIRE CREWS

**TIME FRAME:** :30

**LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:** Level I

**BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:**

**Condition:** Given a written quiz

**Behavior:** The student will demonstrate an understanding of the rules and regulations for working with inmate firefighters

**Standard:** With a minimum 80% accuracy

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- White board
- Pens
- Appropriate visual aids
- Audio visual equipment

**REFERENCES:**

- Working With California Inmate Fire Crews, CAL FIRE, Revised March 2008
- Handbook 6200, CDF/CYA Camp Operations Handbook
- Handbook 6400, CDF/CDCR Camp Operations Handbook

**PREPARATION:**

As a CAL FIRE employee, you will no doubt come into contact with inmate/ward fire crews from time to time. As such, it is vitally important to be aware of and adhere to the regulations regarding association with prison inmates.



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PRESENTATION	APPLICATION
<p><b>I. INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>A. Program goals – the goals of the CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provide CAL FIRE with effective, well-trained fire crews capable of rapid statewide response to a wide variety of emergency mission assignments</li><li>2. Provide suitable facilities for the housing of camp personnel, maintained to a level which provides a safe and comfortable living environment</li><li>3. Provide the leadership, vehicles, and equipment necessary for crews to respond to emergencies and to perform conservation and public service work projects</li></ol> <p>B. California Department of Corrections and rehabilitation (CDCR)</p> <p>C. California Department of Juvenile Justice (CDJJ)</p> <p>D. Non violent offenders</p> <p><b>II. WORKING RELATIONS WITH INMATES/WARDS</b></p> <p>A. Inmate supervisors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Inmate/wards should always be under direct supervision of a Fire Captain or custodial officer</li><li>2. Usually accompanied by a custodial officer when out of county, at a high risk project, or if there is a mix of male/female, CDCR/DJJ, or contract crews</li></ol> <p>B. Fire station exposure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Station maintenance projects</li></ol>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Station construction projects</li><li>C. Fire line exposure<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Handline construction</li><li>2. Hoselay support</li><li>3. Mop-up and patrol</li></ul></li><li>D. Base camp<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Feeding</li><li>2. Other facilities</li></ul></li><li>E. Firefighter interaction<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Be polite</li><li>2. Do not be overly friendly</li><li>3. Do not share personal information about yourself</li><li>4. If an inmate or ward behaves inappropriately in your presence, tell your supervisor immediately<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Improper comments</li><li>b) Touching</li><li>c) Asking for favors</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>F. Basic regulations related to association with inmates and wards<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. It is a violation of regulations to<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Assist an inmate or ward to escape<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) A felony</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b) Assist an inmate or ward to communicate with outsiders in any way<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Letters</li><li>2) Messages</li><li>3) Packages</li><li>4) Telephones</li><li>5) Computers</li></ul></li><li>c) Give, loan, barter, or trade money, gifts or personal services to an inmate or ward</li><li>d) Strike or touch an inmate or ward unless<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) In self defense</li><li>2) It is necessary to prevent serious injury</li></ul></li><li>e) Allow firearms near an inmate or ward</li><li>f) Drink or allow intoxicating beverages in the presence of an inmate or ward</li><li>g) Gamble with or in the presence of an inmate or ward</li><li>h) Supervise an inmate or ward in any way without the proper training</li><li>i) Use tobacco in any form in the presence of an inmate or ward</li><li>j) Provide tobacco in any form to an inmate or ward<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Inmates/wards are not allowed to have tobacco</li></ul></li></ul>	



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## ***SUMMARY:***

As a CAL FIRE employee, you will be required to work with inmate and ward fire crews on projects and on emergency incidents. Your actions must conform to the rules established by CAL FIRE and the custodial agencies in these situations. Failure to conform to these rules may unnecessarily place you and/or the inmate in a position where disciplinary or legal action will be taken.

## ***EVALUATION:***

A written quiz.

## ***ASSIGNMENT:***

To be determined by the instructor(s).