

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures

TITLE: VISITING- CLERGY

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POLICY

Visiting by members of the clergy should be done during general visiting hours. If this is not possible, these individuals shall be referred to the Shift Supervisor for other arrangements. Visiting will not be allowed during incarcerated people feeding periods.

DIRECTIVE

Visiting clergy members will follow the applicable facility procedure with the following exceptions:

- Clergy members must be pre-approved for visiting by the Detention Bureau Chaplain or the visit will count against the incarcerated person's allotted weekly visits. Any exception must be approved by the Shift Supervisor.
- Visiting will be done in the visiting area unless a different location is requested and approved by the Shift Supervisor.

Procedure A. Personnel Duties and Responsibilities

Staff Receiving a Request to Visit From a Clergy Member will:

- Refer the clergy member to the Detention Bureau Chaplain.

The Detention Bureau Chaplain will:

- Notify the on-duty Shift Supervisor of the identity of the clergy member who is approved to visit.
- Notify the Shift Supervisor of the anticipated date and time of the visit

The Shift Supervisor will:

- Notify (in writing/e-mail) the Shift Supervisor who will be on duty at the time of the intended visit.