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GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY / PROCEDURE DETENTION

SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION OF INMATES

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024

POLICY:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility shall provide a classification system that not only ensures inmate and staff safety, but also provides for safe, humane inmate treatment by housing similar offenders together. This classification system will be reviewed on a regular basis.

PURPOSE:

To establish and maintain an inmate classification system that will be used in this facility.

METHOD:

Initial classification shall be conducted objectively by identifying and categorizing various offender traits, characteristics, and potential risks and liabilities in order to detain offenders in a safe, humane manner. Proper classification ensures secure jail operations and facilitates staff and public safety. It also allows inmates to participate in different programs and services that constructively occupy their time while in custody, which facilitates the orderly management of the jail. Inmates will not be classified by race, color, creed, or national origin but will be separated by gender or other management necessities.