

SHERIFF OF GARFIELD COUNTY

LOU VALLARIO

107 8TH Street
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Phone: 970-945-0453
Fax: 970-945-6430



106 County Road 333-A
Rifle, CO 81650
Phone: 970-665-0200
Fax: 970-665-0253

GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY / PROCEDURE DETENTIONS

SUBJECT: FRATERNIZATION WITH INMATES

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024

POLICY:

Members of the Garfield County Sheriff's Offices shall be restricted from making personal contacts, or engage in personal relationships, with inmates and former inmates. Any contact that is required shall be conducted in a professional manner.

PURPOSE:

To define the type of contact that Detention Division personnel as well as all other Garfield County Sheriff's Office personnel are permitted with inmates and ex-inmates.

DEFINITION:

Inmate: Offenders and former offenders housed in the Garfield County Jail or other correctional or detention facilities.

METHOD:

Ongoing employee contacts with inmates and former inmates, their families or close associates will be limited to those persons with whom the employee was acquainted or associated with before the inmate's entry into the jail. In such cases, the employee is obligated to advise his or her supervisor in writing of the nature, extent, and history of the relationship.

Staff will not engage in any of the following activities related to inmates, their family members or close associates for a period of no less than 90 days after the release of the inmate:

- Display favoritism or preferential treatment toward one inmate or group of inmates over another
- Give gifts, favors, or services beyond those required by the jail
- Accept for themselves or any family member any personal reward, tangible or non-tangible, or any other consideration
- Engage in any business relationship
- Engage in any non-incident contact outside the jail
- Engage in a personal relationship

NO employees of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office shall engage in a personal relationship with an inmate while that inmate is in custody.