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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson  
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THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks (A) AD  
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SUBJECT: Waiver for Locksmith Training

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Yuba County Jail (YUBAJCA) as it relates to the Key and Lock Control in Detention Facilities, section (III)(A)(2) within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states "All security officers shall successfully complete an approved locksmith-training program."

Background

Yuba County Jail is a 900 bed Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) facility, located in Marysville, California. Yuba County Jail houses approximately 200 ICE detainees daily for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On April 24-26, 2012, the Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted a Compliance Inspection of the Yuba County Jail for areas of noncompliance with the ICE National Detention Standards. The ODO review found that the maintenance officers who performs locksmith duties has not completed an approved locksmith training program, considered a repeat deficiency according to section (III) (A) (2) of the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS).

Discussion

Yuba County Jail currently employs a facility maintenance technician with over 40 years of experience. The maintenance technician effectively repairs both mechanical locks and electronic security systems. Unfortunately approved Locksmith Training courses

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are provided out of state, and considered too costly for the Yuba County at this time. Sending the only available technician would result in a financial hardship to the facility while providing limited or no benefit to the Yuba County Jail operation.

Recommendation

I recommend that you approve a waiver to NDS section (III) (A) (2) to allow Yuba County Jail officers to continue using the professional services of their already trusted, proven and experienced personnel to carry out his duties as key and maintenance technician. If circumstances change, this waiver can be amended or rescinded at any time.

Approve/date Jay M Brooks, CA AD 5/21/12 Disapprove/date \_\_\_\_\_  
Modify/date \_\_\_\_\_ Needs more discussion \_\_\_\_\_