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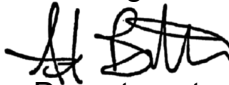
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SUBJECT: **PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY (SIXTH MONTHLY REPORT)**

On July 8, 2021, the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) requested that the Probation Department provide a written report to the POC every 30 days to report on the progress on implementation of the elimination of the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray, including a timeline with dates for key interim benchmarks and steps toward elimination, including the specific target date when the use of OC spray will be eliminated.

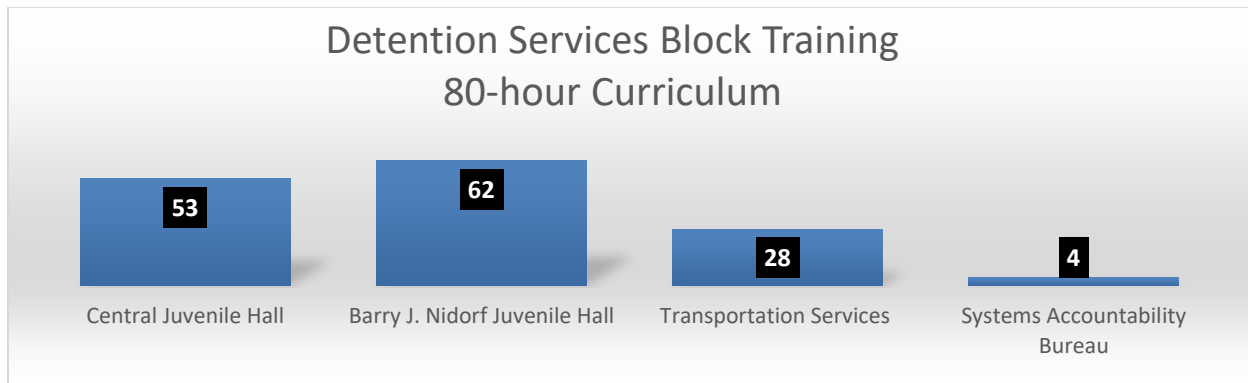
TRAINING PLAN

The Probation Department continues to conduct block week in-person trainings for the employees of the Detention Services Bureau (DSB). On December 17, 2021, cohort 6 successfully concluded. Cohort 7 training began on December 22, 2021, which included the new Juvenile Corrections Officer Core (JCOC).

There was a short break from block training during the holidays due to staffing and scheduling challenges. However, the resurgence of COVID 19 and the new variant has led to subsequent staffing strains in December 2021, and into January 2022. This has caused a temporary halt to the block trainings. DSB block week training is scheduled to resume with cohort 8 on January 31, 2022.

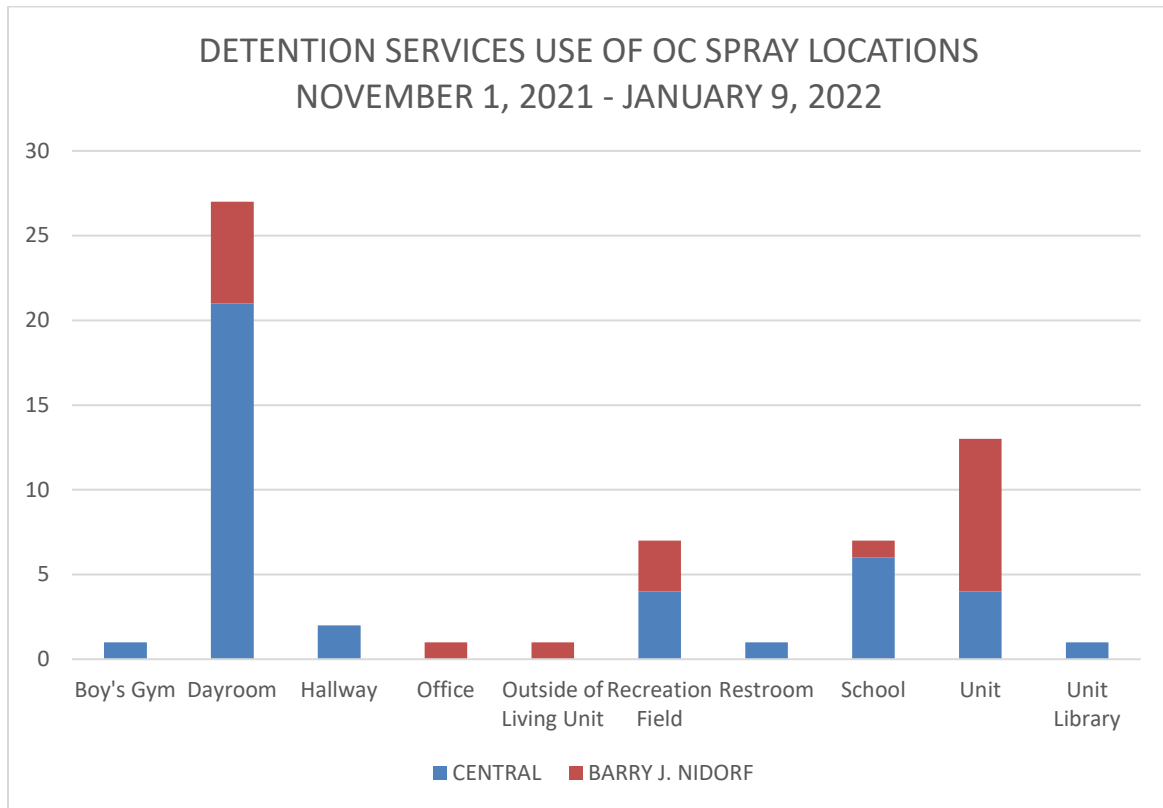
Block week trainings conducted during this period followed all Department of Public Health recommended safety protocols. The physical activities portion (16 hours) involved close contact that was necessary to meet the course objectives and ensure appropriate techniques were demonstrated.

The chart below illustrates the total number of employees that have participated and received 80 hours of in-person training to support the implementation of the elimination of OC Spray. To date there are 162 employees who have received the training including cohort 7, within the JCOC Academy scheduled to complete on January 20, 2022. The 13 staff in JCOC are new and have not received their permanent facility assignments as of this reporting and are not included in the chart.



In last month's report to the POC on the progress on the elimination of OC spray, the locations where OC deployment occurred was graphically presented under the following five categories: dayroom, school, recreation field, living unit, and other. At the request of the POC, the general category of "other" was broken down to identify the specific location of the incidents. Subsequently, "other" was replaced with the following locations: the boys gymnasium, hallway, office, outside of living unit, restroom, and unit library.

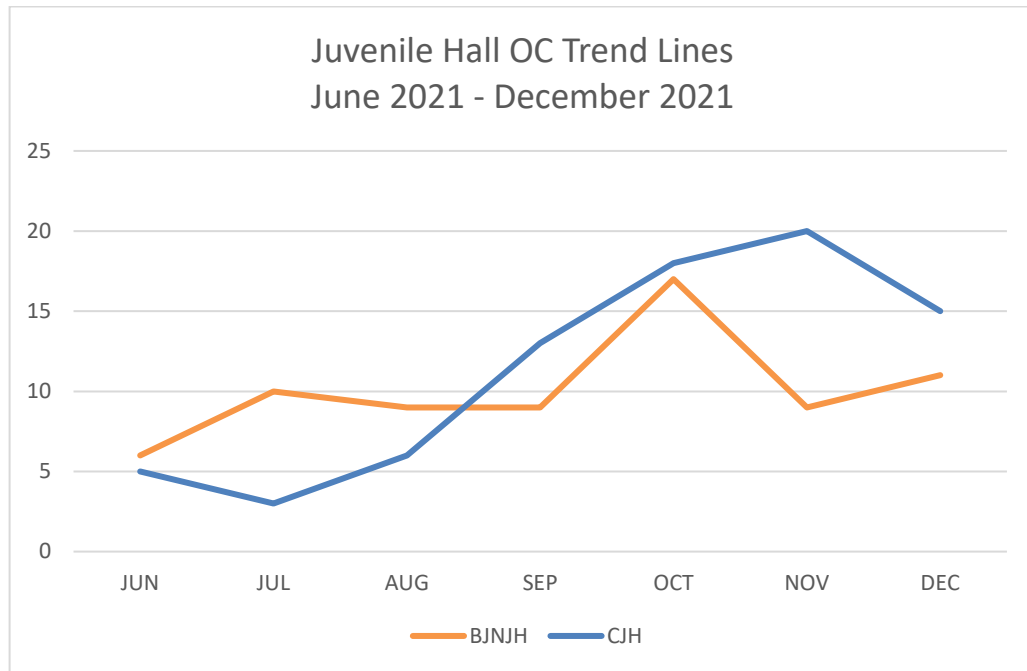
The chart below illustrates the juvenile hall and location of each incident where OC was used as an intervention. From November 1, 2021 to January 9, 2022 there was a total of 61 interventions where OC Spray was deployed. The location having the most incidents was the day room, with 27 incidents it represents 44.3% of the total number of incidents. The living unit had 13 incidents, representing 21.3% of the total number of incidents. And the school had 7 incidents, representing 11.5% each of the total number of incidents. Central Juvenile Hall notably had more uses of OC Spray, accounting for 65.6% of incidents involving OC Spray. Central Juvenile Hall also have fewer staff trained than those at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall.



The chart below illustrates the number of OC Spray incidents that occurred from June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in each juvenile hall.

2021 DSB OC INCIDENT TOTALS JUNE 2021 - DECEMBER 2021			
MONTH	BJNH	CJH	DSB TOTAL
JUN	6	5	11
JUL	10	3	13
AUG	9	6	15
SEP	9	13	22
OCT	17	18	35
NOV	9	20	29
DEC	11	15	26
TOTAL	71	80	151

The graph below depicts the trend of OC use in each juvenile hall over the last seven months.



CONCLUSION

The current JCOC recruits have been trained on the policies and procedures related to OC Spray, but they will not be issued OC Spray when they begin their permanent work assignment.

The Department continues to remain committed to partnering with our stakeholders to promote a culture that encourages employees and youth to develop their own strengths in a secure, stable, and healthy environment. In addition, the Department will continue to provide updates that highlight the overall progress of the training cohorts and the elimination of OC spray.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 940-3760.

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