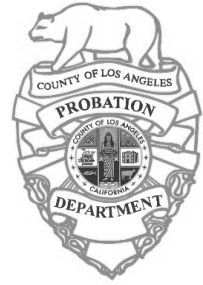




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SUBJECT: PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY (SEVENTH MONTHLY REPORT)

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

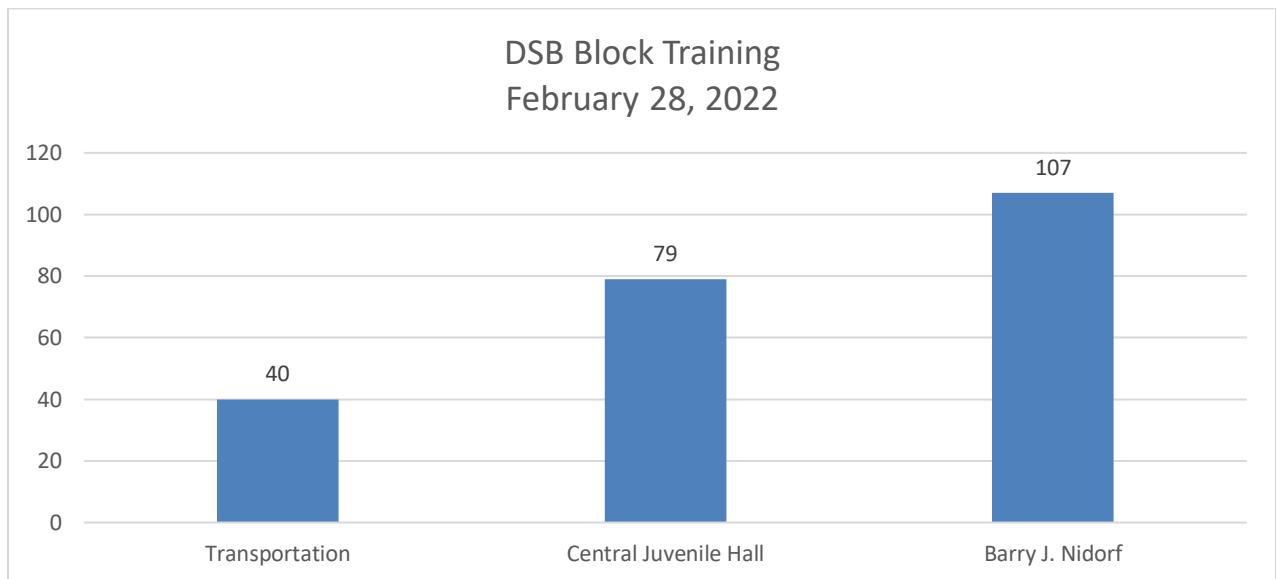
The Probation Department continues to conduct block week in-person trainings for the employees of the Detention Services Bureau (DSB) at the Pico Rivera Training Center. On February 28, 2022, Cohort 11 started. The Probation Department was faced with the challenging decision to split the 80-hour curriculum to service additional employees in DSB to meet the Board State Community Corrections (BSCC) annual training mandates through May 30, 2022.

There are a total of 13 courses (Attachment 1) that are being tracked by the Staff Training Office to support full compliance for the employees of DSB. Employees are currently receiving a 40- hour curriculum on the following:

- Use of Force Policy
- De-escalation for Institution Staff
- 16 hours of Defensive Tactics
- Physical Intervention Report Writing

As of February 28, 2022, there have been 226 employees who have reported to training. It is anticipated that there will be a total of 450 employees trained through May 30, 2022, provided staffing patterns can be supported to ensure employees are removed from line supervision to attend the off-site training in cohorts. The Probation Department expects to train Cohort 11 to Cohort 23 through May 31, 2022. The cohorts will begin to receive week one training curriculum starting on July 11, 2022.

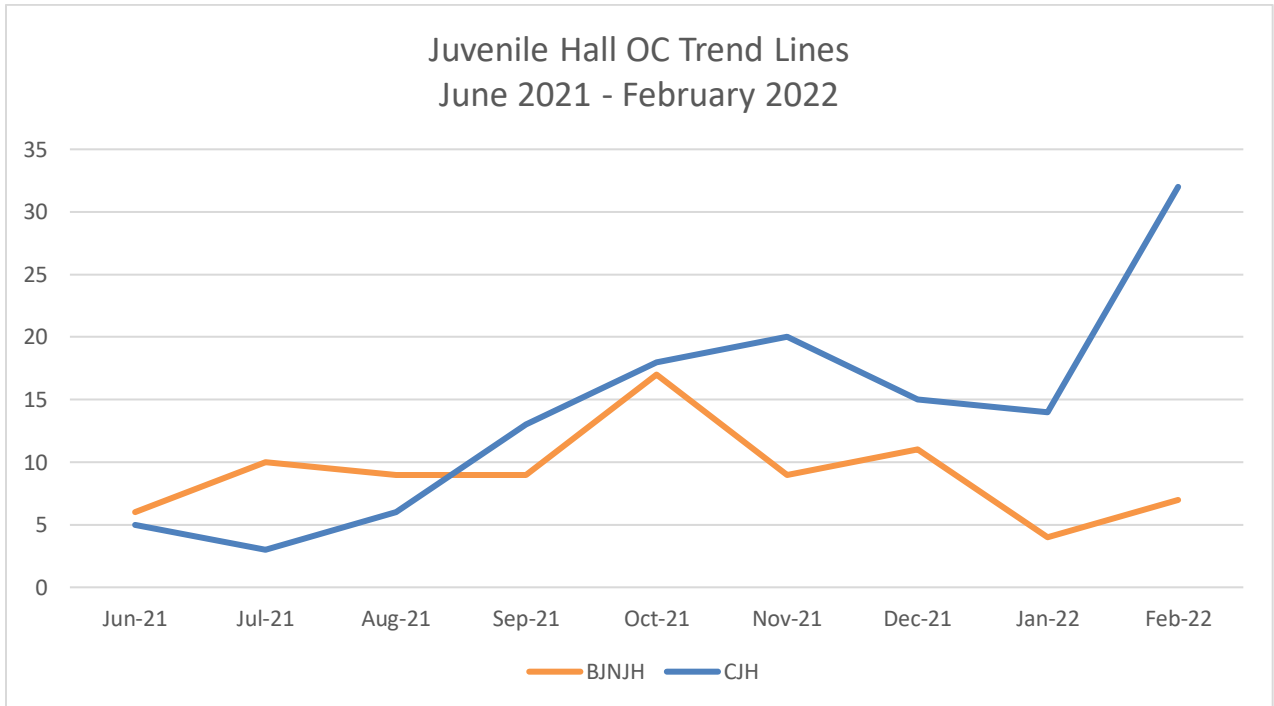
The chart below illustrates the total number of DSB staff that reported to block week training by facility.



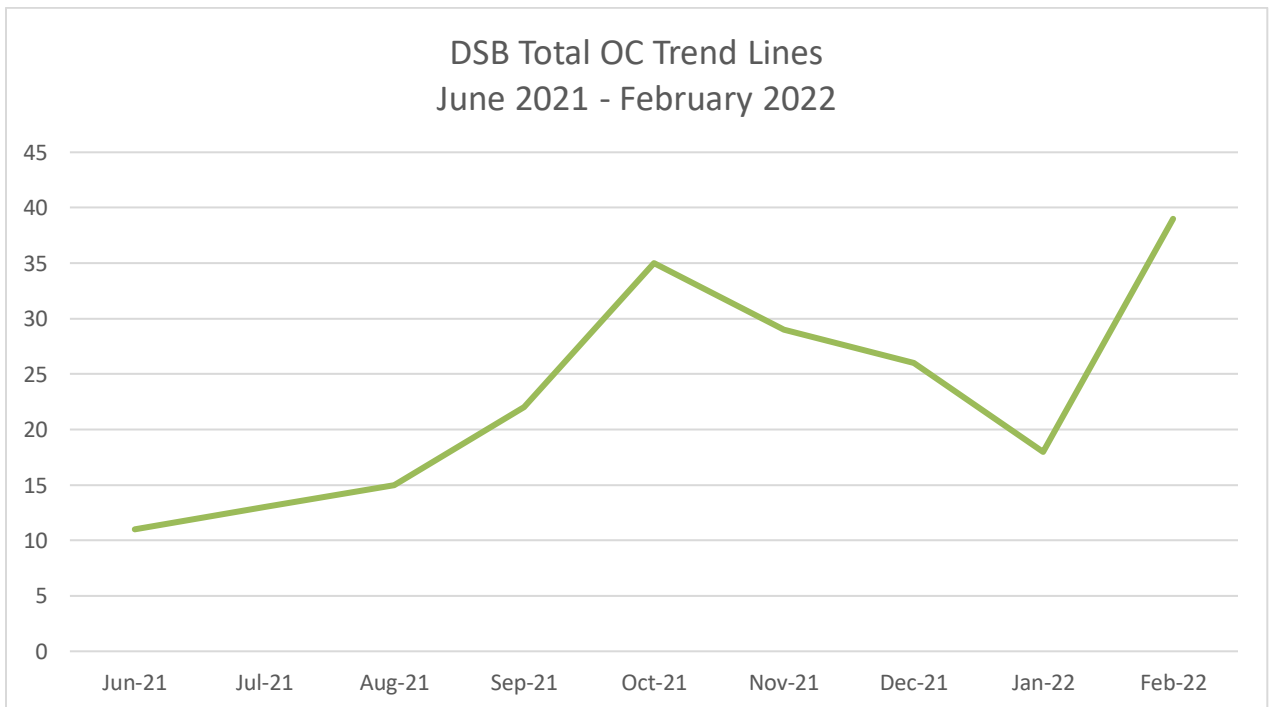
The chart below illustrates the DSB OC Spray Incident totals by month since June of 2021 through February 2022.

| 2021 DSB OC INCIDENT TOTALS JUNE 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022 | | | |
|--|-------|-----|-----------|
| MONTH | BJNJH | CJH | DSB TOTAL |
| Jun-21 | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Jul-21 | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Aug-21 | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Sep-21 | 9 | 13 | 22 |
| Oct-21 | 17 | 18 | 35 |
| Nov-21 | 9 | 20 | 29 |
| Dec-21 | 11 | 15 | 26 |
| Jan-22 | 4 | 14 | 18 |
| Feb-22 | 7 | 32 | 39 |
| TOTAL | 82 | 126 | 208 |

The chart below illustrates the OC spray trend lines for both Central Juvenile Hall and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall since June 2021.



The chart below illustrates the DSB combined total OC Spray trends for both juvenile halls since June 2021.



CONCLUSION

In the last couple of months, the use of OC spray has decreased significantly at BJNJH but has increased at CJH. The Department is currently assessing why CJH is not progressing as well as BJNJH in reducing their reliance on OC spray. At the conclusion of the January 27, 2022, cohort, the Department's expectation was not to issue OC Spray to the new recruits when they began their permanent work assignments at the facilities. However, all new recruits will continue to be trained on the policies and procedures related to OC Spray to ensure that they understand how to properly decontaminate someone that may come in contact with OC spray.

The Department continues to remain committed to partnering with our stakeholders to promote a safe culture that supports employees and youth 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. All cohort training is conducted with continued support for COVID-19 safety and precautions.

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

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