

**LA County Probation Department's Responses to Questions Re: Item 3 on the February 8, 2024 agenda regarding security at Juvenile Facilities**

*Provided by Chief Safety and Security Officer Eric Strong on February 1, 2024*

- 1. Please provide and be prepared to describe the policies, if any, governing each position. In particular for the SSOs, what is the policy about when they can use force and/or deadly force?**

SS Specialist rules and regulations are outlined in their department rules and regulations which outlines safety and security protocols. This position is mandated by California Penal Code Sections 830.1 through 854 which address the proper use of firearms. Furthermore, there rules and protocols state "Firearms, batons, and O.C. Spray shall not be utilized as a measure of threat or intimidation but shall be used only in life threatening or restraint situations."

- 2. How many SSOs, SEOs, School team security members, and contracted security officers are there at each facility? (If it varies, what are the ranges?)**

LPJH & BJNTF have six (6) contracted security guards per shift with three (3) per day there are 18 guards per facility. The shifts are 0600-1400; 1400-2200; and 2200-0600.

There are 2 deputy sheriffs contracted for night patrols from 2000 - 0600 hours and two per facility that cover visiting hours on the weekend.

- 3. What is the budget for SSOs, SEOs, School Teams, and contracted security?**

The department contract security is budgeted for approximately \$17 million which covers contracted security (Both private and Sheriff Department personnel) department wide which includes security at all institutions, camps, headquarters, and field offices.

From July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, \$1.9 million has been spent on contracted security for institutions.

- 4. It has been reported that SSOs are armed, but that they will not be allowed to bring guns into the facility. Please confirm if there are any Probation policies or law beyond [California Code, Welfare and Institutions Code - WIC § 871.5 | FindLaw](#) (and provide that to the commission) that govern this. Please also explain if/when the SSOs will be allowed to respond to incidents inside the facility? How/where would they store their weapons if that were to happen?**

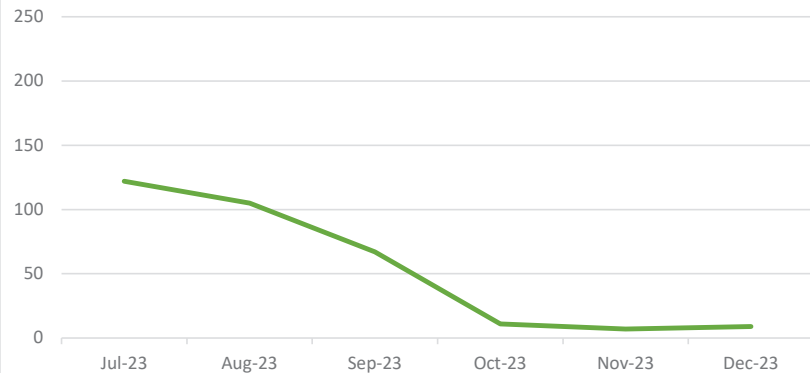
California Penal Code § 4574 PC prohibits bringing weapons into detention centers.

Safety & Security Specialist may be used to staff stationary posts inside the facilities. When entering a detention facility, weapons will be stored in facility gun lockers.

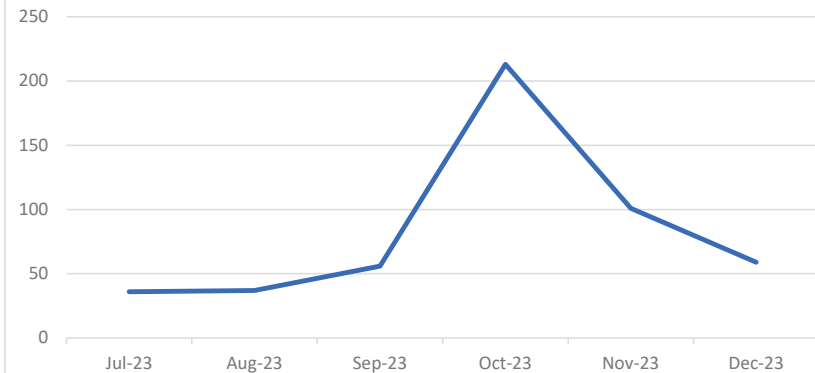
## DETENTION SERVICES and SYTF (BJN) BUREAUS - FACILITY SEARCH & CONTRABAND LOG

OPERATIONS		WEAPON FIND OR SEIZURE		DRUG AND MONEY SEIZURE							OTHER											ELECTRONIC DEVICE FIND OR SEIZURE										Total
Facility	Month	Shank	Blunt Object	Pills	Powdery Substance	Marijuana	Cigarettes	Vape Pens	Drug Paraphernalia (Lighter, pipe, etc.)	Cash (Enter amount)	Tattoo Kit	Keys	Food	Glasses	Gang Paraphernalia	Jewelry	Pens/ Pencils/ Markers	Unauthorized Photo	Screws/ Nails	Tools	Other	Computer	Headphones/ Earbuds	Hard Drives/ Thumb Drives	DVD/ Disk	Batteries	Charger/ Cords/ Cables	Streaming Device	Other Device	Cellular Phones		
BJN	Jul-23	1	0	13	1	8	0	10	12	50	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	1	0	122	
	Aug-23	2	2	19	5	5	0	5	18	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	10	0	1	2	0	14	10	1	2	0	105	
	Sep-23	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	1	2	2	3	1	1	0	14	0	2	0	0	9	4	2	4	0	67	
	Oct-23	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	
	Nov-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	
	Dec-23	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	9	
LPJH	Jul-23	3	2	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	36	
	Aug-23	4	0	0	0	2	0	14	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	37	
	Sep-23	6	6	3	0	1	0	16	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	2	56	
	Oct-23	8	9	0	1	3	0	60	51	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	11	0	0	12	5	0	1	0	5	33	0	1	5	213	
	Nov-23	2	0	0	1	4	0	44	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	6	0	0	11	0	2	6	101	
	Dec-23	1	0	0	0	3	0	20	19	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	59

BJN Total Contraband Found by Month



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<b><u>Safety and Security Specialists</u></b>			
<sup>(1)</sup> Initially 35 positions. Recently approved to raise to 55 positions. 6 part-time security guards per shift, three shifts per day per facility.	\$2,071,500	\$2,071,500	\$4,143,000
<b><u>Contract Security Guards</u></b>			
<sup>(2)</sup> Estimated annual costs	2,570,000	2,558,000	5,128,000
Estimated annual offset from prior LASD security guard contract	-1,503,000	-1,503,000	-3,006,000
<b><u>Special Enforcement Operations (SEO)</u></b>			
<b><u>LPJH:</u></b> Annual cost of 12 DPO-II's and 1 SDPO 5 teams that rotate 7 days per week.	7,160,000		7,160,000
<b><u>BJN-SYTF:</u></b> 12 DPO-II's, and 3 SDPOs; rotate 7 days per week.		8,268,000	8,268,000
<b><u>School Teams ("School Post")</u></b>			
<sup>(3)</sup> LPJH = 7 DSO's for 8 hours assigned per facility		1,074,000	1,074,000
<sup>(3)</sup> BJN-SYTF = 4 DSO's for 8 hours assigned per facility	614,000		614,000
<b><u>Sheriff's</u></b>			
<sup>(4)</sup> 2 Deputy Sheriff's per facility perform night patrols 7 days per week 2 Deputies 8 hours visiting days	1,404,910	1,404,910	2,809,820
<sup>(5)</sup> <b>Annual Cost Estimates:</b>	<b>\$12,317,410</b>	<b>\$13,873,410</b>	<b>\$26,190,820</b>

**NOTES:**

- <sup>(1)</sup> Amount based on budget. Actual expenditures will vary based upon hours worked, hiring, overtime, etc.
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