# Policy **803**

# **Inmate Classification**

### 803.1 INMATE CLASSIFICATION AND HOUSING ASSIGNMENT

Detention Officers will, to the extent feasible, classify and assign newly admitted inmates in the appropriate housing areas. Housing assignments will not be determined based upon an inmate's race, color, creed, national origin, religion or political beliefs. Any exceptions to this policy must be in strict accordance with all applicable state and/or federal laws regarding the separation and/or classification of offenders.

#### **803.2 ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION**

To promote the safety and security of the Montgomery County Detention Center, certain inmates may be placed in an administrative separation cell, apart from inmates housed in the general population of the facility. Under no circumstances will an inmate be placed in administrative separation for reasons pertaining to his race, color, creed, national origin, or political beliefs.

## 803.3 CLASSIFICATION AND INDENTIFICATION OF SECURITY THREAT GROUPS

To identify, interview and track all individuals admitted to the Montgomery County Detention Center that are members or associates of recognized Gangs or Criminal Enterprises for their safety, the safety of others, and the security of the Detention Center. These include but are not limited to nationally recognized organizations that also encompass local, non-traditional gangs and or groups in the surrounding counties and communities.

#### **803.4 SECURITY OF INMATES**

To promote safety for the staff as well as inmates, Detention Officers will use physical restraining devices on inmates during movement within the detention center other than inmates assigned to work details.

#### **803.5 LEGAL STATUS OF PRISONERS**

(a) When any person charged with a felony or an impaired driving offense is confined for any period in a county jail, local confinement facility, district confinement facility, or satellite jail/work release unit, the administrator or other person in charge of the facility shall attempt to determine if the prisoner is a legal resident of the United States by an inquiry of the prisoner, or by examination of any relevant documents, or both.

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(b) If the administrator or other person in charge of the facility is unable to determine if that prisoner is a legal resident or citizen of the United States or its territories, the administrator or other person in charge of the facility holding the prisoner, where possible, shall make a query of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security. If the prisoner has not been lawfully admitted to the United States, the United States Department of Homeland Security will have been notified of the prisoner's status and confinement at the facility by its receipt of the query from the facility.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny bond to a prisoner or to prevent a prisoner from being released from confinement when that prisoner is otherwise eligible for release.

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