

ALADS Custody Survey

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1) How often do you have briefings in your unit (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	7.6%	34
Weekly	51.3%	231
Monthly	35.8%	161
Never	5.6%	25
<i>answered question</i>		450
<i>skipped question</i>		3

2) In your briefings, are you trained on current policy changes and/or unit orders (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	5.8%	26
Sometimes	53.1%	239
All the time	41.3%	186
<i>answered question</i>		450
<i>skipped question</i>		3

3) Would debriefing and critiquing incidents with your unit help reduce future uses of force?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	8.0%	36
Sometimes	71.6%	323
All the time	20.4%	92
<i>answered question</i>		451
<i>skipped question</i>		2

4) In your briefings, how often are you trained and/or mentored on proper force procedures (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	10.9%	49
Sometimes	70.2%	315
All the time	18.9%	85
<i>answered question</i>		449
<i>skipped question</i>		4

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5) Has low morale in your unit affected (check all that apply):

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Officer safety	70.1%	300
Reduced productivity	87.4%	374
Use of force	39.0%	167
Increased absenteeism due to stress	57.5%	246
<i>answered question</i>		428
<i>skipped question</i>		25

6) Do sergeants and command staff provide positive leadership for deputies working in custody (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	9.8%	44
Sometimes	70.4%	316
All the time	19.8%	89
<i>answered question</i>		449
<i>skipped question</i>		4

7) How often do you see inmates picking fights, creating a disturbance, or other behavior to control their housing location (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	50.0%	223
Weekly	28.0%	125
Monthly	11.0%	49
Never	11.0%	49
<i>answered question</i>		446
<i>skipped question</i>		7

8) Recently, Command staff has been holding town hall meetings with inmates. Have you noticed a change in inmate behavior toward deputies since these town hall meetings began (check all that apply)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have not noticed any change	20.8%	93
I have noticed more aggressive inmate behavior	51.2%	229
Inmates' respect for deputies has declined because they feel "empowered"	70.0%	313
Inmates would rather have their regular programming than go to town hall meetings	17.4%	78
Inmates have been more hostile toward deputies	49.0%	219
Other	10.1%	45
Other (please specify)		42
<i>answered question</i>		447
<i>skipped question</i>		6

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9) Under public safety realignment (AB 109), "non-non-non" state prisoners are now being housed in LA County jails. Have you noticed any change in inmate behavior since the implementation of AB 109 (check all that apply)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have not noticed any change	39.2%	174
I have noticed more aggressive inmate behavior	50.0%	222
Inmates have been more hostile toward deputies	33.8%	150
Other	8.1%	36
Other (please specify)		34
<i>answered question</i>		444
<i>skipped question</i>		9

10) Does the security level system used for county inmates appropriately classify the state inmates in a way that creates a safe working environment for deputy personnel?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	22.8%	103
No	45.9%	207
I don't know	31.3%	141
<i>answered question</i>		451
<i>skipped question</i>		2

11) Do you feel that the security level system for county inmates should be the same standards set for state inmates?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	59.6%	263
No	40.4%	178
<i>answered question</i>		441
<i>skipped question</i>		12

12) In your facility, are inmates permitted to bypass a deputy sheriff and take their complaints to a supervisor (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Maybe	11.8%	53
Yes	81.7%	367
No	6.5%	29
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<i>skipped question</i>		4

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13) Has a nurse, doctor, or mental health worker ever attempted to intervene in your attempt to control a recalcitrant inmate (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	31.4%	141
No	68.6%	308
<i>answered question</i>		449
<i>skipped question</i>		4

14) How frequently do you see inmates with serious mental health issues declassified and put into General Population (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	29.1%	130
Weekly	25.7%	115
Monthly	23.9%	107
Never	21.3%	95
<i>answered question</i>		447
<i>skipped question</i>		6

15) In your experience, do you feel that having inmates with serious mental health issues in General Population is a personal safety concern for you or inmates (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Maybe	5.3%	24
Yes	93.8%	422
No	0.9%	4
<i>answered question</i>		450
<i>skipped question</i>		3

16) How frequently do you experience inmates with serious mental health issues moving unsupervised through a custody facility (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	26.9%	121
Weekly	21.4%	96
Monthly	18.3%	82
Never	33.4%	150
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<i>skipped question</i>		4

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17) How do you rate your working relationship with Mental Health/medical staff in custody (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	6.4%	29
Good	33.7%	152
Fair	40.8%	184
Poor	16.2%	73
Does not apply	2.9%	13
<i>answered question</i>		451
<i>skipped question</i>		2

18) Before a new policy or new program is implemented in your unit, does your supervisor discuss how it will impact your work (check Yes or No and if Yes, please check all that apply):

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, my supervisor checks with deputies to see how the new policy or program affects my ability to get my job done each day.	38.6%	166
Yes, my supervisor checks with deputies to see how the new policy or program affects the safety of staff.	27.4%	118
Yes, my supervisor checks with deputies to see how the new policy or program affects the safety of inmates.	21.6%	93
Not applicable/never discussed with me	11.2%	48
No	47.9%	206
<i>answered question</i>		430
<i>skipped question</i>		23

19) Recently, new inmate programs and meetings have been scheduled. How do these impact your ability to do your job? (check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The requirement to move inmates to these programs reduces the number of deputies available for supervision.	59.7%	264
With all of the programs, I am not able to get the required work done during my shift.	32.8%	145
It does not impact my work	27.4%	121
Other	8.6%	38
Other (please specify)		36
<i>answered question</i>		442
<i>skipped question</i>		11

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20) When deputies are required to take inmates on radio car runs, how does that impact your unit?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
It does not affect my unit.	16.5%	74
We don't have enough deputies to supervise inmates while the deputy is gone.	56.7%	254
There aren't enough deputies to fulfill the required responsibilities.	58.5%	262
Other	7.4%	33
Other (please specify)		31
<i>answered question</i>		448
<i>skipped question</i>		5

21) In your unit, how many inmates are on yard/recreation time at the same time?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not apply	36.4%	165
Number of inmates	63.6%	288
Insert number		287
<i>answered question</i>		453
<i>skipped question</i>		0

22) And how many deputies are supervising the inmates on yard duty?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not apply	36.5%	162
Number of deputies	63.5%	282
Insert number		282
<i>answered question</i>		444
<i>skipped question</i>		9

23) When inmates receive clinic passes in your facility, how many inmates are typically sent at the same time?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not apply	23.0%	101
Inmates are sent sporadically	30.8%	135
Number of inmates	47.2%	207
Insert number		211
<i>answered question</i>		439
<i>skipped question</i>		14

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24) And how many deputies are supervising the inmates at the clinic?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not apply	15.5%	68
Number of deputies	84.5%	372
Insert number		373
<i>answered question</i>		440
<i>skipped question</i>		13

25) In your unit, are deputies required to have direct contact with inmates during pill call (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	83.9%	371
No	16.3%	72
<i>answered question</i>		442
<i>skipped question</i>		11

26) Do mandatory job rotations interfere with your inmate-deputy working relationships?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Won't affect my inmate-deputy working relationships.	16.6%	74
I won't be able to develop the rapport with inmates that allows me to keep incidents down, be aware of contraband coming into the facility/develop intel, etc.	60.9%	271
Does not apply.	22.9%	102
<i>answered question</i>		445
<i>skipped question</i>		8

27) When your unit is staffed with a CARP'ed employee, how does that impact your work (check any/all that apply)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not impact my work	18.0%	79
The CARP is very helpful	10.9%	48
The CARP is not beneficial to unit productivity	58.9%	259
I have to train the CARP	55.7%	245
<i>answered question</i>		440
<i>skipped question</i>		13

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28) Have you been ordered to "volunteer" to teach or monitor an inmate program (e.g., Town Hall meetings, EBI, etc)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not applicable	8.9%	40
No	76.3%	341
Yes	15.4%	69
How recently: Insert answer	2.2%	10
		12
<i>answered question</i>		447
<i>skipped question</i>		6

29) With budget cuts, LASD Custody Division does not have as many deputies. How often do you find yourself in an unsafe working condition because of short staffing (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	67.8%	305
Weekly	19.3%	87
Monthly	6.7%	30
Never	6.7%	30
<i>answered question</i>		450
<i>skipped question</i>		3

30) There is a lot of paperwork required when there is an incident, even if it is a non-significant use of force. How often does excessive paperwork leave your unit understaffed and unsafe (check only one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	41.7%	184
Weekly	37.2%	164
Monthly	14.1%	62
Never	7.0%	31
<i>answered question</i>		441
<i>skipped question</i>		12

31) Do you feel that safety is jeopardized because of scrutiny behind the possible use of force?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My personal safety is jeopardized	89.4%	398
Inmate safety is jeopardized	18.2%	81
Not applicable	9.2%	41
<i>answered question</i>		445
<i>skipped question</i>		8