



# **DSA Update to Members**

July 23, 2024

## **Regarding implementation of: Facility Security-Screenings of Persons Entering a Detention Facility or Support Facility.**

Although there has never been a case in which a deputy has brought contraband into a facility and supplied it to an incarcerated person, the Sheriff is enacting a policy that will implement searches of county employees entering detention facilities.

The DSA does not support the search of deputies; however, the DSA also recognizes that it can't stop the implementation of this policy. That said, the County and Sheriff do have a duty to meet and confer with the DSA over the enactment of this policy to address any concerns that the DSA has about the specifics of the policy,

The County and Sheriff have met with the DSA to do just that. And, based on the most recent draft version of the proposed policy provided to the DSA, the County and Sheriff are taking the DSA's concerns seriously, and have made several changes to their original version of the policy based on the DSA's suggested modifications. Further, the DSA is continuing to work with the County and Sheriff to ensure that deputies are protected as best as possible. Besides providing this statement on its position regarding these searches to its members, the DSA is also working on some FAQs so that deputies know their rights and responsibilities regarding the screening process.