Escape Policy Update

General Policy Actions:

- The Department has not filled the Policy Coordinator position at this time.
- Department CIO has submitted an AI project proposal to the Office of State Technology (OST) to utilize technology to review the large library of policies. [31 SDs, 216 Administrative Directives, 161 at NCU (used as Unit example)]
- Policy Committee has been asked to meet more frequently until further notice.

Policies governing classification:

- One policy governs the frequency of classification actions- this policy is being updated to clarify that classification is to be reviewed and re-calculated at each annual review.
    - It is on the agenda for the ADC Policy Committee on September 23rd.
- Once policy governs the actual scoring system for classification.
    - This policy contains ambiguity regarding how scoring is conducted and has resulted in some confusion amongst classification staff.
    - The scoring system for classification is being studied by CGL, who presented at a prior meeting. The data has been provided and is being analyzed by their staff now.
    - This policy has not been updated and is on hold until the results of the classification study are produced. Any changes to this policy will require extensive programming changes to our offender management system, and a broad-scale training effort.
- We have taken the following steps to protect the integrity of the current system.
    - The research and planning section is running recurring reports to let unit classification staff know when an inmate has not had his or her classification reviewed for more than a year.
    - In addition, we are working on targeted, common-sense reviews utilizing the existing data.
    - We have discussed the option of a "subject matter" reporting system for unit level staff, allowing the central classification administrator to weigh in on performance evaluations and initiate discipline on unit level classification staff, while still allowing Wardens to maintain supervisory authority over day-to-day operations of the unit.

Policies governing notification

- As discussed, each level of policy regarding incident notification contemplates that a different person will notify law enforcement of a serious incident. At the highest level, the Secretarial Directive requires the internal affairs administrator to contact law enforcement. After significant discussion about what has happened in practice and how to appropriately carve out exceptions for escapes, we made the decision to still require that Internal Affairs conduct notifications as a failsafe. The Secretary has provided guidance to Internal Affairs that they are expected to provide these notifications, regardless of what unit level policy dictates. This

ensures that in our most dangerous scenarios, we are not dependent on the performance of one individual to notify law enforcement.

- This will also ensure that if a unit level policy is changed in the future, there is a back-up reporting mechanism.
- All policies related to notification of incidents are being reviewed for any additional edits.