

Meal Service

2306.1 GENERAL

- (a) The food service section will perform two separate functions:
 - 1. Inmate feeding for all inmates assigned to the custody of the Sheriff.
 - 2. Functions, such as a portion of the food preparation, washing of pots and pans, and storage of food supplies, will be done in the facility kitchen.

2306.2 INMATE MEALS

- (a) Meal Frequency

■ [REDACTED]

- (b) Feeding Procedure

- 1. Inmates will be fed according to established procedure as outlined in the Custody and Court Operations Manual Housing Operations section.

- (c) Chow Hall General Guidelines

- 1. Prior to starting the meal, the Deputies will enter the Chow Hall and check for contraband.
 - i. Check the following:
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - ii. When Deputies have thoroughly inspected the Chow Hall, they will advise the Sergeant or Deputy assigned to the [REDACTED] (if applicable) and the meal can begin.
 - 2. Inmates are not to converse or communicate with workers assigned to the Chow Hall work crew. Inmates entering or leaving the Chow Hall are not to converse with inmates seated at tables.
 - 3. To ensure compliance with Title 15, all inmates shall be given the opportunity to consume their meal for a period of fifteen (15) minutes. If an inmate completes their meal before the fifteen (15) minutes end, staff may dismiss the inmate from the meal area provided the inmate confirms they are finished eating (verbally or through clear action).
 - 4. The following guidelines will be followed for inmates who refuse to comply with any jail rule regarding Chow Hall procedures:

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- i. Meals are never to be used as a form of discipline.
- ii. Handling Minor Violations
 - A. Inmates accused of minor violations either enroute to or while in the Chow Hall will be allowed to complete their meals. Disciplinary procedures will be initiated after the meal has been completed. Refer to [CCOM Section 1600.4\(a\) – Minor Violations](#).
 - B. Deputies may not remove inmates for minor infractions (i.e., talking in line) as a means to deny a hot meal.
- iii. Handling Major Violations
 - A. Inmates accused of major violations, which disrupt or are likely to disrupt Chow Hall operations, will immediately be removed and escorted to a secure location (i.e. housing location or booking loop).
 - B. A Deputy may determine that the situation warrants the inmate receiving a sack lunch in lieu of a hot meal, but only after notifying a Sergeant.
 - C. If there are significant delays due to a major incident (i.e., fighting, being restrained/detained on the loop), resulting in the inmate missing the regular meal service, a sack lunch shall be provided.
 - D. All incidents resulting in the removal of an inmate from the Chow Hall must be documented appropriately (i.e., log entry, minor/major write-up and/or Initial Crime Report).