Proposed changes to AR's which we would like to have clarified, or changed

NEVADA CORECTIONS ASSOCIATION

AR 350 DEPARTMENT GROOMING AND DRESS STANDARDS

A new passage is being proposed which states:

"Correctional Officers required to be certified by the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission shall not be allowed to wear the Peace Officer badge until after they have taken the Oath of Office."

Comment: This was the issue brought before this board after the Ely incident, where one officer and one non-badged employee were battered by an inmate, who freed himself from his restraints.

Question: Does this mean that non-badged employees are not considered Peace Officers?

Question: Will non-badged employees still be allowed in close proximity to inmates?

AR 420 INMATE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY PROCEDURE

A new passage is being proposed which states:

"The first responder will call for help and initiate first aid and/or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as needed. If the offender is found hanging, the responder will immediately cut him/her down and begin appropriate medical care."

Keeping in mind that NAC 450B.115 defines "first responder" as a person who has successfully completed the national standard course for first responders;

Comment: We are not first responders, as defined in the NAC per say. However, in a broader sense we *would* be first responders by virtue of the fact that we would be required to respond to the emergency, and that we would most likely be the first on the scene.

Question: Because the word "will" is used in the first sentence, are we now ***required*** to administer CPR and/or first aid? ***Remember that we are not medical practitioners.***

Comment: In keeping with the first tenet of standard first aid training (American Heart Association), the first to arrive on the scene is to make sure the area is safe.

Question: Can you change the wording to read as follows:

"Staff members who respond to an emergency will first call for help, and then take all necessary steps to ensure that the scene is as safe as possible for: 1) arriving staff, and 2) beginning first aid procedures. When it is safe to do so, a staff member should initiate first aid and/or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as needed. If the offender is found hanging; only after the scene has been made safe, the responder will cut him/her down and begin appropriate medical care."

Comment: We are currently not authorized to carry any sharp instruments on our person while on an institution; and there are no cutting instruments "immediately" available to us if needed.

Question: What tools will be made available to us so that we can "immediately" cut down a hanging inmate?