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PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to outline processes for staff to use regarding community supervision.

PHILOSOPHY

It is the Department of Corrections’ (DOC) philosophy to utilize appropriate processes for staff to support the supervision of offenders in the community. In addition to the support of supervision, these processes also ensure the DOC is compliant with corrections best practice and statutory obligations.

AUTHORITY

REFERENCE

POLICY

Travel

The DOC recognizes the need for offenders in the community to travel out of state from time to time. Additionally, the DOC understands that there may be circumstances where an offender

1 desires to live out of state or in Canada, even though they are being supervised for a Vermont
2 offense. The DOC has three primary mechanisms for travel for offenders supervised in the
3 community as follows:

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5 1. National Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)
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8 The ICAOS is a formal agreement between member states that contains a set off rules and
9 guidelines for the interstate movement of certain adult offenders, including the procedure for the
10 transfer of the supervision of adult offenders from one state to another.

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12 It is the policy of the DOC to adhere to the ICAOS rules and procedures. The DOC recognizes
13 that adherence to the ICAOS rules results in better offender management and an increased level
14 of public safety. The DOC adheres to all federal law, rules of ICAOS, and Sex Offender
15 Registry requirements when permitting offender travel.

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17 2. Temporary Travel Authorization
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19 The DOC recognizes the need for offenders on probation, parole, or supervised community
20 sentence statuses to travel outside of Vermont. The DOC permits community offenders to travel
21 on a temporary basis. Additionally, the DOC grants temporary travel authorization for offenders
22 supervised on furlough for special circumstances.

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24 3. Canadian Travel Authorization
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26 Vermont shares a border with Canada, and recognizes this proximity requires collaboration and
27 procedures for international travel. The DOC works with the Canadian Authorities, the courts,
28 and the Vermont Parole Board regarding offenders who request to travel or move to Canada.

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30 **Residence Approvals**
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32 The DOC conducts pre -approval residence checks on residences for furloughed offenders, to
33 ensure that the residences comply with public, staff, and offender safety requirements. As
34 research indicates, family and friends are more likely to promote positive growth and change
35 with offenders than correctional services. It is therefore important to enter into a dialogue with
36 the occupants of the home that welcomes their support and partnership with the DOC.
37 Additionally, these pre-approval checks review local and state zoning regulations and take into
38 consideration the proximity to identified or potential victims.

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40 **Offender Financial Obligations**
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42 The DOC requires offenders to pay court-ordered fines/fees, restitution, DOC supervision fees,
43 and program fees. It is the policy of the DOC that offenders placed under supervision will fulfill
44 their financial responsibilities resulting from their convictions. As part of supervision, DOC
45 staff work with offenders to provide support in meeting their financial obligations.
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1 **Driving**

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3 The DOC understands that Vermont is a rural state where public transportation is limited. The
4 DOC knows that the ability to drive while on community supervision can be imperative for day-
5 to-day life, as well as to meet offender case management goals. It is the policy of the DOC to
6 permit offenders to drive while on community supervision, so long as they are licensed to do so
7 and there is no risk-related reason to restrict driving.

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