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The purpose of this study was to study and recommend an appropriate method of death penalty for offenders in Thailand. The population of the study was 316 judicial administration officers. The data was analyzed by percentage, mean, standard deviation and chi-square. The findings are summarized as follows:

1. Most of the subjects were male, with average years of 40, average official age of 13 years, resided in Bangkok, were Buddhist, and had an educational level of Bachelor's degree, their average income was 24,600 Baht per month. The subjects had a range of experiences in death penalty in about 1-5 cases with moderate knowledge of death penalty, and regularly gained information about death penalty.

2. Most of the subjects agreed with lethal injection, firing squad and electrocution respectively. The subjects disagreed with hanging, gas chamber and beheading.

3. The subjects with different employment, age, years of employment, marital status, educational level, income, position, knowledge and understanding of death penalty and information gained from various mass media about death penalty had different opinions regarding methods of death penalty.

*Recommendations from the author:*

In Government sector, especially Department of Corrections organize a seminar by experts in order to study and search for appropriate method of death penalty and a committee should be set evaluate as well as monitor the operation of the committee the efficiency.