

Juvenile Justice Commission
of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2021 Inspection Report

2019-2020 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

4 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

30 # **Non-secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

Authority: Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 209(b), a judge of the juvenile court shall conduct an annual inspection, either in person or through a delegated member of the appropriate county or regional juvenile justice commission, of any law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults which, in the preceding year, was used for the secure detention of any minor.

Please respond to sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting (type or print clearly)

Facility Name: SDCSD – Ramona Substation Date of Inspection: 7/13/2021
Address: 1424 Montecito Road Date of Last Inspection: 11/9/2019
Ramona, CA 92065 Phone Number: 760-789-9157

Facility Manager: Lt. Michael McNeill Contact Person: Detective Daniel Harrison
Phone No.: 760-789-9157 Phone No.: 760-738-2490
Staff Assisting: _____ E-mail: daniel.harrison@sdsherrif.org
Phone No.: _____ Alt. Contact: _____

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Ana España
Commission Chair: Yvette D. Klepin
Phone No.: 858-634-1555
Inspecting Commissioners: Yvette Klepin

I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

This year's lockup inspection included detentions from 2019 and 2020. Due to the COVID outbreak a lockup inspection was not conducted in 2020.

In 2019 there were 19 non-secure detentions under six (6) hours and two (2) secured detentions under six (6) hours. In August one youth was detained twice as non-secured but of the non-secured incidents escalated into a secured detention. There were not any detentions over six (6) hours. In 2020 there were 11 non-secured detentions under six (6) hours and two (2) secured detentions under six (6) hours. There were not any detentions over six (6) hours. Many youths were released to family members as this is a preference. It was noted there were four curfew violations in one night that were detained and released to family members.

The facility and juvenile accommodations were clean. There were ample snacks, water and blankets available for youth. The youth are kept in a separate holding area away from where adults are detained. There is a constant visual and all youth are within hearing distance of the deputies supervising them.

In recent years there has been a noticeable increase of youth with mental health issues. The Ramona Station shared a PERT mental health staff with the Poway in the past. In 2020 the Station was able to secure a fulltime PERT staff. This had been a welcome addition as there has

been an increase of mental health issues among juveniles in the Ramona area.

Board of State and Community Corrections documentation shows the Station reported two (2) secured detentions in 2019 and one (1) in 2020. The paperwork at the station shows two (2) secured detentions in both 2019 and 2020.

II. **RECOMMENDATIONS** *(if any)*:

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends the Station ensure the accurate number of secured detentions are reported to the Board of State and Community Corrections in the future.

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151)

III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:

- A. Are minors provided with orientation? Yes No
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? Yes No
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? Yes No
- D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit? Yes No

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates? [Youth and adults are held in separate holding areas.](#)
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? [Youth are under constant supervision.](#)
- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff? Yes No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water? Yes No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort? Yes No

V. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE:

(this includes minors who are handcuffed to a fixed object such as a rail, bench, chair or table):

- A. Are minors assured no “contact” with adult inmates? Yes No
- B. Is there constant supervision? Yes No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter? Yes No
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain? Yes No

VI. CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION:

- A. Is there direct and constant supervision by staff during the entire custody period? Yes No
- B. Are males and females put in same room? Yes No

VII. INTOXICATED MINORS:

- A. Does the facility have written procedures for the handling of minors under the influence of any intoxicating substances? Yes No
 - B. Did the facility detain any minors, either secure or non-secure, determined to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance? Yes No
- If yes:
- 1. Was medical clearance obtained? Yes No
 - 2. Were these detentions documented? Yes No
 - 3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes? Yes No
 - 4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff? Yes No
 - 5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors?

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No
- C. Do the detention logs list the offense and reason which formed the decision to place the minor in secure detention, as well as the length of time the minor was securely detained? Yes No
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

IX. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH A MINOR(S) WAS HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS? IF YES, LIST THE DATES, STARTING AND ENDING TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EACH INSTANCE.

No youth were detained more than six (6) hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

There were not any youth at the station when the inspection was conducted.