

# 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

1 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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

57 # **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 – San Marcos Substation Date of Inspection: 8/25/2021  
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### 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.

The facility is well maintained, and all procedures and regulations conform to existing laws aside from the shredding of 2019 Juvenile log records (see recommendation #1 below). Staff was very friendly, answered all my questions and accommodated my request to be in private when reviewing the Non-Secure and Secure Logs.

The facility has seen an increase in non-secure detentions since COVID-19 restrictions began to lift. Facility staff does not currently have a well-structured quality assurance protocol on juvenile records that is creating some inconsistencies on internal, county and state paperwork. Holding periodic training will, also, ensure new deputies are aware of all juvenile procedures including Medical Release protocols for intoxicated youth. Regarding juvenile services, staff needs to identify community-led youth programs that can serve as diversion options. The more diversion options that are available for youth the better chance the youth have in getting on a better path. Commissioners, also, noticed that there was a gap in communication between the San Marcos Sheriff's substation and the Sherriff's Department's Respect Project in which can serve as a diversion option for the substation. Lastly, identify services that people harmed can receive, in specific, community-led restorative services that hold the youth genuinely accountable and

provides healing to all those impacted by the crime.

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

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends to:

1. Keep all Juvenile log records in a secured location for a minimum of 2 years.
2. Periodically ensure Deputies are logging information on the correct Secure or Non-Secure Logs.
3. Provide an orientation to all juveniles entering the facility (non-secure or secure) to ensure they understand the conditions of detention.
4. Work with Facility Leads and the Sheriff's Department to locate and partner with youth services that can support Deputies divert youth away from the criminal justice system prior to recommending the case to the District Attorney's office.
5. Continue strengthening community outreach campaigns that builds relationships with community members and non-profit organizations. This can also assist in discovering new diversion options for youth.
6. Ensure Deputies are aware of Medical Release protocols for intoxicated youth through periodic trainings.

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? [In a separate area of the facility, approximately 60+ feet away.](#)
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? [A deputy is always present in the non-secure and secure area.](#)
- 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?
    1. Parents, if they're in contact with deputies.
    2. Fire Department and/or Medics, on-scene or at the substation.

**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 minors were held over six (6) hours.

**X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):**

No minors in custody during the inspection.