

**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

0 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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

42 # **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: SDPD - Southeastern Division Date of Inspection: 12/1/2021
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Because the San Diego Police Department's Southeastern Division does not detain any juveniles under secure detention, the BSCC (Board of State and Community Corrections) does not list this facility (or other San Diego Police Divisions) for inspections. However, because of the ethnic/socio-economic diversity of the area and its reputation for adult and juvenile gang activity, the Juvenile Justice Commission has inspected this facility for the last three years. There are over 100 officers at Southeastern for a population of approximately 56,000 residents.

During 2020-2021, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the number of detentions to be cut in half. Upon a non-secure detention of a juvenile (no handcuffs or locked cells), there are basically two options—release to a family member or transportation to Juvenile Hall. There also could be a mental health (or injury referral) to Rady Children's Hospital or an immediate response to the Division by PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team). Note: Other juveniles (not detained for crimes) may be held for Child Protective Services or transported to Polinsky Children's Center.

We found that the in-house diversion program at the Division had been discontinued and that diversion was now being handled by the District Attorney's office, the National Conflict Resolution Center's juvenile initiative in San Diego, or SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) San Diego.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the station:

1. Consider using the BSCC forms that capture the violation, co-arrestee information, family member contact in place of San Diego police logs which require reference to a longer police report.
2. Encourage more instances of release to family members for specific offenses such as drug possession, alcohol use, petty theft, disturbing the peace, and truancy.
 - a. Note: Instead of immediate transportation to Juvenile Hall in connection with a Judicial Detention Order (JDO), Juvenile Justice Commission encourages more attempts to contact a Juvenile Probation Officer to confirm that release to a family member would suffice in lieu of a booking into Juvenile Hall.
3. Set a goal of referring at least 50% of juvenile detainees during the next 12-month period to formal or informal diversion programs or to community based services for gang prevention and intervention and assign personnel (such as your School Resource Officers) to follow up.

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?
[Not Applicable]
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
[Not Applicable]
- 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?
[Not Applicable] 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
Unknown without going to separately stored written reports.
 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? *[N/A]* 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? *Paramedics respond.*

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? *[N/A]* 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.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

No minors were present, and none were interviewed.