

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2022 Inspection Report

2021 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

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

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

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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: SDSO – Poway Substation Date of Inspection: 10/26/2022
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

This year brought a change in personnel. The person in charge in overseeing juvenile detentions is Sergeant Chassen. He recently was assigned to this position but was bale to discuss and provide the necessary documentation from 2021. He works with the Juvenile Detective assigned to the Poway station who was recently assigned to this position. When discussing other possible changes, he related policies have been updated regarding juveniles due to changing laws. He was able to provide a copy of the policies that are kept in a binder used when youth are detained.

As to diversion programs the agency has an in-house diversion program and refers to San Diego Youth Services for diversion as supported by documentation of one youth who was referred to San Diego Youth Services. Sergeant Chassen stated when youth are detained, they are referred to the juvenile detective who makes decisions on possible diversion opportunities.

It was clear in the documentation that youth are reviewed on an individual basis. One youth was taken to a probation detention facility, one was taken to Polinski, one was diverted to a community organization and the remaining three were released to family. Documentation also supported youth are provided phone calls. Signage was clear and visible for youth regarding their rights. Juveniles and adults are not housed in the same area. Youth are not placed in cells unless safety issues exist, which was related is rare. The juveniles sit on a bench with an officer present while paperwork is being completed.

When discussing LGBTIQ+ juveniles there is not a lot of contact. If they do encounter this population the officers are aware of possible special needs and accommodate accordingly.

All documentation was complete and orderly. It was easy to follow the detention records.

The Poway station continues to do a great job in services to youth.

RECOMMENDATIONS *(if any)*:

As the station does a great job there are no recommendations.

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?
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
- 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

[They are in the same room but kept in separate areas in the room, such as interview rooms adjacent to the main interview room.](#)

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 juveniles were held for more than six hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

No juveniles were being detained during the inspection.