

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
0 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours
0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours
88 # **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: 9/30/2022
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

This year's lockup inspection included reviewing the detention logs from 2021.

The facility is well maintained, and all procedures and regulations conform to existing laws. Staff was very friendly and answered all questions asked by Commissioners.

There has been a tremendous improvement since last year regarding the maintenance of juvenile records. The newly assigned staff now maintains all logs in a secured file cabinet located in the Admin Sergeant's office who ensures that all records are kept for a minimum of 2 years. There is now a Quality Assurance process that addresses inconsistencies on internal, County, and State paperwork.

Periodic training will ensure deputies continue to be aware of all juvenile procedures including medical release protocols for intoxicated youth.

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The facility has seen a tremendous increase in youth detentions since the 2020 inspection. To address this, the substation needs to urgently identify more community-led youth programs that can serve as diversion options, including programs that address the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth. This can be accomplished by creating Memorandum of Understanding agreements or separate contracts with diverse youth service providers. Closer collaboration with the San Marcos School District and neighboring school districts will also ensure that accountability programs are in place before law enforcement involvement that can assist the substation in decreasing youth detentions.

Last year, Commissioners identified a gap in communication between the San Marcos Sheriff's Substation and the Sheriff Department's Respect Project. This year, there seems to be more collaboration and communication improvement between both entities. This was great news to the Commissioners.

Lastly, the Substation needs to identify services where people harmed (victims) can receive support through diversion programs. Restorative programs can address this by providing the loudest voice to people harmed regarding their impact, healing process, and restitution needs.

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

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends the substation to:

1. Collaborate with the North County LGBTQ+ Center to identify periodic trainings for deputies. Collaboration will also ensure that deputies have diversity in services to refer youth with specific LGBTQ+ needs.
2. Urgently begin collaborating with more community-led youth service providers to identify diversion partnerships through Memorandum of Understanding agreements or contracts, to decrease the number of detentions.
3. Identify and partner with community programs that elevate the needs of the people harmed (victims). Mediation services, Victim Offender Dialogue services, and Restorative Justice diversion programs can address this gap in services.
4. Collaborate closer with the San Marcos School District and other educational programs to ensure youth accountability programs are in place prior to involving law enforcement.
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.

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?
[60 feet with a surveillance office in between.](#)
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
[There is constant adult supervision by staff.](#)
- 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.

There were no instances in which minors were held for more than six hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

There were no minors present during the inspection.