

**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  
6 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours  
0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours  
9 # **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: SDSO – Imperial Beach Substation Date of Inspection: 11/9/2022  
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**I. GENERAL COMMENTS:**

This is a small Sheriff's substation with only two holding cells next to a computer monitoring room with a cuff rail. The cells and computer monitoring room are by the back door, which has a cipher lock on it, so that it is always locked and you cannot exit through that door unless you know the numeric code. In addition, staff said they sometimes close and lock the metal door leading into the room with two cells and the computer monitoring station if a youth is combative. This means that all youth detained in this area are, by definition, secure detentions. If all doors are locked the detention should be logged as secured as well if placed in a holding cell or handcuffed to the railing.

SDSO Imperial Beach is filling out both the BSCC Secure/Non-Secure Detention Logs and the SDSO "Temporary Holding Cell Checklist," Form SO-60 (attached). The latter form fails to distinguish between detained youth and adult prisoners, as it asks the same questions of both and refers to individuals being in a holding cell. The SDSO form also mandates 15-minute checks as opposed to 30-minute checks on the BSCC logs. When told they didn't need to fill out both forms for purposes of sending to Sacramento, the Sergeant in the SDSO Division of Inspectional Services said they are requiring that 15-minute checks be documented in the SO-60 form "as a precaution for liability reasons." (Email attached.)

SDSO Imperial Beach stated that the whole South Bay refers their diversion cases (not the DA's

JDI cases) to South Bay Community Services. South Bay Community Services sends a letter to their office informing them of whether the youth completed the program or not. A Juvenile Detective noted that it is difficult to get appropriate services for some youth because many youths will not be admitted to the hall, especially in cases, for example, of youth assaulting parents. Alternatives to Detention community programs won't take youth that are a flight risk or a danger to the community, and they can't get a cool bed for runaway youth. In light of Juvenile Hall admission matrix not accepting youth in these circumstances, and the fact that the DA's JDI program only accepts certain youth, there is a need to increase other services to close these gaps.

2021 Detentions Note: SDSO Imperial Beach told me that in September 2021, SDSO Lakeside picked up runaway juvenile and transferred juvenile to SDSO Imperial Beach so mom could cross border and pick up youth. SDSO IB listed this as a non- secure detention, but looking the inspector's notes, only one minor in possession of alcohol detention was noted.

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

1. The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends deputies receive additional training on what constitutes a secure detention vs. a non-secure detention.
2. The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends SDSO Imperial Beach station seek additional Alternatives to Detention programs to assist 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?  
Only two cells are in the station.
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?  
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?  
Not necessary.  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? (including Sheriff's 208)  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.**

N/A

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

N/A