

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2023 Inspection Report

2022 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0 # Secure detentions **OVER** 6 hours

2 # Secure detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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

34 # 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 – Rancho San Diego Substation Date of Inspection: 10/17/2023
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

The Rancho San Diego station is clean and well organized. When a minor is brought to the station they enter through an entrance and holding area that is separate from adults. There is a holding room with a bench where the minors sit. They are not separated by male/female/transgender/nonconforming identification. Although signs are posted in areas where the minors can see them the deputies verbally discuss the minor's rights. Signage explaining the minor's rights includes the six-hour hold limit. In the previous inspection it was noted signage did not include the six-hour limit but has since been added to the signage.

Holding cells are not used. The deputies sit with the minors so they are on constant direct observation. There are blankets, snacks and water available for minors as well as access to toilet and washing facilities. If held longer than 30 minutes watch commander approval is obtained and every thirty minutes thereafter. Documentation is retained at the station.

The secure and non-secure logs were reviewed. All paperwork was in order and easy to read. Out of the 36 minors 27 were released to the Probation Department detention centers. This may appear to be a high number but it was noted the crimes committed by minors are increasing in severity. Crimes included robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, felony domestic violence, conspiracy, attempted murder and kidnapping to name a few.

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

The facility is well maintained. All paperwork was in order, accurate and the procedures mirror policy. Thus, there are not any recommendations during this inspection period.

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? Minors and adults are held in separate areas. *There is sight and sound separation.*
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? *The minors are under direct 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 used.* 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 not any instances of minors being held longer than six hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

There were not any minors at the station during this audit.