

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2012 Inspection Report

20 11 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

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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)

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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Overall extremely organized, professional presentation. New facility features excellent detainee visibility at all times.

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

1. Post signage explaining the handling of secure/non-secure detention of minors.
2. Clarify written procedures for intoxicated minors.
3. Explore improvements to the filing system that would be more precise and organized; color coding of secure vs. non-secure records would be a good idea to pursue.

The following questions are asked to determine compliance with Article 14, *Minors in Temporary Custody of a Lockup/Law Enforcement Facility*, of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

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?
No visual / no auditory connections.
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
1:1 Entire time.
- 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
Not at this time.
- 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? *N/A – not secure* 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?
Arresting officer, secure detention.

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.

None.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

None.