

Juvenile Justice Commission
of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2017 Inspection Report

2016 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

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

2 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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

27 # **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 – North Coastal Station (Encinitas) Date of Inspection: 1/11/18
Address: 175 North El Camino Real Date of Last Inspection: 11/8/16
Encinitas, CA Phone Number: 760-966-3500

Facility Manager: Capt. John Maryon Contact Person: Sgt. Allan Paez

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Carolyn M. Caietti
Commission Chair: Ed Weiner
Phone No.: 858-634-1555

I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

For CY 2016, the North Coastal Station (“Station”) was in full compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. Sergeant Paez and his team have done an excellent job maintaining well-organized log books that contain all required documentation. The Station also was diligent in releasing or transferring minors who were arrested—of the 29 minors taken into temporary custody in 2016, few were held longer than 2 hours. Finally, the Commission appreciates the Station’s practice of having deputies write out the reasons for holding minors in secure custody. Although the relevant form allows deputies to document the secure custody decision by “circling” pre-printed words that apply, the act of writing out a brief sentence or two explaining those reasons, as this Station does, helps protect against arbitrariness and facilitates meaningful review of the secure custody determination.

[Note on Arresting Offenses: The two most common offenses for which North Coastal Station deputies arrested minors in 2016 were (1) violation of the curfew provisions of the Encinitas Municipal Code (25.0%) and (2) assault or assault and battery (21.4%).]

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

The Juvenile Justice Commission offers the North Coastal Station two recommendations:

1. When documenting release information, we recommend the Station consistently specify the nature of the relationship between the minor and the individual to whom the minor is released. Although this was done in most cases, there were some instances where it was not specifically noted whether the person to whom the minor was released was a parent, guardian, or responsible relative.

2. We recommend the Station post a sign in the facility, in plain sight of youth taken into custody, explaining the conditions for secure and non-secure custody. Although the Station has such a sign, recent renovations have delayed posting it in an appropriate place.

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 secure custody completely separate from each other.

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

There is constant direct visual observation 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

N/A; minors are not placed in cells.

- 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

Males and females may be held in non-secure custody in the same area while under constant supervision by staff.

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

N/A.

- 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?

Encinitas Fire Department; Tri-City Medical Center.

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

The Station has laminated signs explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure custody of minors, but did not have the signs posted. The facility recently underwent a major renovation, and the staff is finalizing the decision where to place the signs.

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.