

Juvenile Justice Commission
of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2013 Inspection Report

2012 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

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

0 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 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)

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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

The SDPD Southern Division does not conduct secure detentions of minors. During 2012, there were no non-secure detentions at or over 6 hours for any minors.

Logs related to minors are maintained via electronic documentation and are not separated based on WIC 300/777 and WIC 601/602 designations.

It appears that 157 minors were subject to non-secure detentions for under 6 hours, with the longest detention lasting 298 minutes (<5 hours). At least 7/157 were classified as WIC 300 or 777, with one youth detained in March that was not clearly specified but was released to Polinsky.

Minors and adults are brought in and processed in the same area of the Police Department, although a separate, open and glass front cell is available to hold minors. No signs were posted informing minors of their rights.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

-Separation of WIC 300/777 and WIC 601/602 youth in the electronic log books is recommended.

-Signs should be posted and visible informing minors of their rights during detention. An example of appropriate signage was provided to the Southern Division SDPD.

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? *Note: Informal* 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):

Not Applicable. Note: There are two cells available, one of which may contain a minor but it is open and has a glass front. No "secure" detentions of minors are conducted at the Southern Division. Close but separate quarters are available, with youth brought in and processed in the same general area as adults but a separate open cell is available.

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
- 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: *Not Applicable*
(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? **Paramedics**

Note: The policy reported to the Commissioner and noted in the Procedures and Policy manual is that youth are released to paramedics when they are found to be under the influence of intoxicating substances and not brought to the station. However, according to their electronic log, in June 2012 at least one minor was brought in on a "Drunk in Public" charge and there was no notation about whether or not medical clearance was obtained. No other details were documented and no explanation was provided to the Commissioner about why this happened. It is unknown if other intoxicated minors were brought in so VII. B. cannot be accurately answered at this point.

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No

Note: Visual contact is constant.

B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No

Note: In an electronic format. No paper logs were produced.

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.

No

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

None present