

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2012 Inspection Report

20 11 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0 # Minors **securely** detained **over** 6 hours

2 # Minors **securely** detained **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 – Valley Center Date of Inspection: 7-11-12
Address: 28201 North Lake Wohlford Last Insp. Date: 5/2011 (Kathleen Edwards)
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Commission Chair: Kathleen Edwards
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Inspecting Commissioner: Charlie Cleaves

I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Sgt. Arens, in his short time as the officer in charge of booking, has done a great job of organizing the log and record books on Secured and Unsecured Sheets. All were correctly signed and filled out with CDC Monthly reports included. Admin staff were also very knowledgeable about process. The inspecting Commissioner made a point to stress the importance of checking the block that the juvenile was informed of his rights and purpose of detention; Sgt. Arens agreed. The facility is very clean and maintained.
- Commissioner provided sample of juvenile signage for posting throughout the booking area for officer and juveniles. Sgt. Arens stated that he would change logo to SDSO and insure posting throughout.
- Yearly training for all officers is enforced and all watch the California Correction Standards Authority recently developed online training video on minors in detention in adult facilities:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIeltMeGKZQ>
- Station works hard to have environment where officers in the field work hard to resolve juvenile issues in the field, before having to bring to Station or Juvenile Hall.
- 8 total minors in Custody: Unsecured (6), Secured (2) in the detention areas with an average of approximately 2 hours at the Station.
- Department likes to stay proactive in dealing with juveniles in the street and getting them with parents prior to having to drive to station.

II. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** None.

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
Minors are briefed and parents are notified immediately to pick up.
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? Yes No
Also, Supervisors are informed and detention is logged.
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? Yes No
Yes; most are less than 2 hours.
- 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? Yes No
No contact while in custody.
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? Yes No
*Arresting officer is responsible for the entire process, from arrest to release.
Constant contact.*
- 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
- 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?
Paramedic or hospital.

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
- E.

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 over the last year. The average stay is approximately 2 hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

None present at time of inspection.