

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 Central Division Police Department is a relatively new facility (built in approx. 2000) with a small Juvenile Unit. There is one non-secure/non-locking cell in which minors are placed. This cell is side-by-side with 2 adult holding cells but there is no visual or physical contact accessible between adult and minor arrestees therein. The building appears well maintained and, with the qualification that funding restrictions are ever-present, the facility appears to have sufficient resources to conduct their duties.

This Commissioner was informed that SDPD does not condone the use of secure detention for minors at any time. As such, no secure-detention logs or policies pertaining are to be found.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

- *Recommend conspicuous posting of up-to-date regulations regarding the detention of minors. Current information is primarily found in the front of a notebook outlining said regulations and procedures. Conspicuous placement is suggested as a reminder to the officers involved as well as a notification reminder/admonishment to minors who may be detained.*
- *Recommend posting of articulated policies regarding intoxicated minors.*
- *The use of an emulation of the non-secure log format (because the Department does not allow Secure Detention, by policy) does not contain fields for monitoring notes in the event of an intoxicated minor (15 min documented monitoring is required for intoxicated youth). While it is a stated policy of the Central Division to have constant supervision of all detained minors, no documentation currently exists.*
- *Maintenance of clothing and blankets for minors' use, if needed.*

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

These requirements are included in the unit handbook and it is stated that officers are aware of these requires. Conspicuous policy reminder posters and an orientation statement or checklist for admonishment with youth may be useful to assure consistent policy administration.

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?

Three cells are side-by-side. One unlocked (non-secure) room for minors and two (2) locking adjacent cell/rooms for adults and, presumably may be used for secure minor detention (though stated Department Policy is that secure detention is not to be utilized).

*****Sgt. Wood states that it is departmental policy that SDPD never use Secure Detention for Minors and records indicate that there were 0 secure detentions in 2012.***

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

Desks are immediately across from cells for visual monitoring.

- 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

There were no secure detentions recorded in monthly summaries for 2012. Theoretically, the above access is available. One hooded sweatshirt was potentially available for the "clothing and blanket provisions."

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):

N/A. Central Division does not utilize Secure Detention Outside a Locked Enclosure.

- 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

There is only one non-secure detention room, but Central's policy is not to place males and females in the same room for detention.

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?

There were 21 detained youth with charges of disorderly conduct/drunk in public (647, 647 (F), and or 11550(under the influence). There is not a current articulation of procedures specific to these youth, nor is there documentation of safety checks (no forms with which to record this, if done).

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No

Stated "Department Policy" is not to use Secure Detention for minors; thus no logs.

- 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

NA

- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

There are small (8.5 x 11) memos tacked-up in the officers' area with minimum juvenile detention standards. Conspicuous Signage is recommended.

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