

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:**

- Facility is clean and well maintained; signs related to minor's rights are clearly displayed.
- Minors have a completely separate entrance and processing area from adults.
- Annual daily and monthly logs are well organized and accessible in a single binder.
- Some daily logs were filed under the wrong month, duplicated and placed under two different months, or missing entirely. So while the monthly totals appear to match the daily logs, a complete accounting is not possible.

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

1. Better maintenance of daily logs such that none are missing, misfiled or duplicated.
2. Create a written policy with regards to processing intoxicated minors. Although the verbally provided policy appears to be an immediate placement in a hospital (e.g., UCSD) or to paramedics for seriously intoxicated minors, there is nothing expressly written about handling of intoxicated minors. This would be useful as youth are likely to present with a range of intoxication levels.

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?
Minors held on a different floor, above adult processing floor. There are separate entrances for adults and minors as well.
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
Constant supervision of minors by an adult.
- 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
Welfare checks occur every 15 to 30 minutes; 30-minute welfare checks occur unless minor is intoxicated. If an intoxicated youth is not immediately transported to the hospital, the welfare checks occur every 15 minutes.
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available? *N/A* Yes No
They are usually with an officer in the interview room, but may be placed in a holding room next to and fully visible from the interview room.
- 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? [See IV. B and V. C above.](#) 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
[Per verbal report to the inspector, seriously intoxicated minors were handed over to a hospital or medically cleared by paramedics. Minors with low levels of intoxication may have been processed at the station. The following questions cannot be answered based on the logs:](#)

If yes: [*See note above.](#)

- 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?

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? [N/A](#) Yes No
[Policy is to have minors under constant observation so visual checks are not documented in the logs.](#)
- 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.

[N/A.](#)

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

[None available.](#)