

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).

Facility Name: SDSO – Ramona Substation Date of Inspection: 4-19-12
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The inspecting Commissioner suggested placement of signage to describe placement process; the supervisor at this facility was open to this suggestion. The new supervisor was open to all of inspector's suggestions.

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

1. Keep record of any intoxicated minors, even if they are transferred to another venue.
2. Post signage explaining the procedures for the secure and non-secure detention of juveniles.

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? *Not always, depends on the officer.* 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?
They are separated by buildings so in different rooms, no visual contact.
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
Under supervision at all times.
- 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?
Given bottled water. Yes No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort?
Blankets. 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:
Deputies stay with juveniles, adults are in cells. Yes No
- B. Is there constant supervision? *Checked every 15 mins when in cells.* 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?
If the juvenile calms down and is not threatening, he/she will be moved to lower classification of detention. Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain?
Bottled water. Water comes out of faucet in sink. 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?

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No
Logs were filled out properly.
- 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
Deputies are trained on when to use secure detention. The facility will put up signage regarding secure/non-secure detentions. They have signage regarding phone calls – allowed three calls within first hour.

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 present.