

**Juvenile Justice Commission**  
of San Diego County

**Jails and Lockups 2017 Inspection Report**

**2016 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)**

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

15 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

60 # **Non-secure** detentions **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: El Cajon Police Department Date of Inspection 12/12/2017  
Address: 100 Civic Center Way Date of Last Inspection: 1/12/17  
El Cajon, CA 92020 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Manager: Chief Jeff Davis Contact Person: Officer John Pearsley

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Carolyn M. Caietti  
Commission Chair: Ed Weiner  
Phone No.: 858-634-1555

**I. GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The El Cajon Police Department facility was clean, easy to navigate, accessible and had adequate lighting in all areas. There were multiple signs clearly and visibly listing the "Procedures for Juveniles." Arrest and detention logs were available for review.

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

Document all mandated visual checks as well as all medical clearances for youth suspected to be under the influence of substances. One securely detained minor was suspected to be under the influence of marijuana yet the visual check section of the Detention form was left blank. While the El Cajon Police Department policy, and layout of the juvenile processing area within the department, supports constant visual monitoring, documentation is essential. Medical clearance is required when minors are under the influence and yet no details about a medical clearance were documented or available.

Better organization of records for inspections would be useful. Specifically, please make sure that the Arrest Logs, Secure and Non-Secure Detention Logs and the California Board of State and Community Corrections Monthly Reports are available for each month of the inspection year. Eight of the CA Monthly Reports had not been printed out to compare with the arrest and detention logs.

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151).

**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 are kept separate. Entrance is separate for minors. No visual or auditory proximity of minors to adults. Adult female inmates may be processed in the minor-designated area but only when NO minors are present in the facility.

- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? **Constant visual supervision**
- 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

Unknown because the safety check section of the form was left blank.

4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff?  Yes  No

The detention was secure; minors are usually under constant supervision but the information regarding supervision was not recorded.

5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors?

EMTs provide medical clearance per the El Cajon Police Department policy, but no medical clearance was provided for one securely detained minor who was observed to potentially be under the influence of marijuana.

**VIII. DOCUMENTATION:**

A. Are all mandated visual checks documented?  Yes  No

Typically (per El Cajon Police Department policy) yes, however as noted above, the safety check section of the form was left blank for one securely detained minor observed to potentially be under the influence of marijuana.

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):**

N/A (no minors present during inspection)