

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS  
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Frio County Jail

Date:

March 22, 2017

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.201	<p>A facility shall be planned to receive unclassified persons, hold pretrial persons and allow for processing, classifying and releasing persons at all times. Inmates shall not be confined in a lockup in excess of 72 hours.</p> <p><b>During the review of all booking and releases for the first quarter of 2017, a major area of concern was identified. The Frio County Lock-Up Facility is housing inmates past the maximum 72-hour time limit. In January and February, nine inmates were identified in each month held over 72 hours. So far in March, 3 inmates have been identified that were held over the maximum 72 hour time limit.</b></p>
2	265	.13(a)(b)(c)	<p>(a) Each sheriff/operator shall investigate and verify the veteran status of each prisoner by using data made available from the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) operated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or similar service.</p> <p>(b) Each sheriff/ operator shall provide assistance to prisoners identified as veterans, identified through either self-report or the VRSS, in applying for federal benefits or compensation for which the prisoners may be eligible under a program administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Assistance includes, but not limited to, direct assistance by qualified claims counselor, issuance of a referral card, or similar assistance.</p> <p>(c) Each sheriff shall maintain a log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release. If a referral card was not issued, a reason shall be provided on the log.</p> <p><b>Currently, the administration does not have an established procedure to identify incoming inmates and/or process them through the VRSS System as required.</b></p>
3	265	.3	<p>Observation During Holding. Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>During the review of visual face-to-face observations for the facility, the welfare checks were consistently over the 30 minute requirement. The facility operates as a 72 hour lock up and all inmates are kept in the holding cells which requires the 30 minute observation.</b></p>
4	279	.1(2)	<p>Food preparation areas shall be inspected at least annually by health authorities and record kept for each inspection;</p> <p><b>After reviewing the Annual Health Inspection report, it was determined that the kitchen has not been inspected since October 22, 2015 and is now past due.</b></p>



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