Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Falls County Jails
Marlin, Texas

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

☐ The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

☐ This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

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Fred St. Amant, TCJS Inspector

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Reviewed by: 
Date:

cc: Judge
Sheriff

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# ANNUAL JAIL REPORT

**County:** Falls  
**Sheriff:** Ricky Scaman  
**Judge:** Jay Elliott  
**Jail Administrator:** Edd Nehring  
**Inspector:** Fred St. Amant  

**Last Inspection:** April 24, 2017  
**Compliant:** No  
**Inspection Date(s):** February 22, 2018  
**Remedial Order:** N/A  
**Effect:**  

### Reportable Incidents
- **Fires:** 0  
- **Deaths:** 0  
- **Suicides:** 0  
- **Escapes:** 0  
- **Walkaway:** 0  
- **Secured:** 0  

### Contract Inmates Housed
- **Mills:** 11  
- **Bosque:** 8  
- **Robertson:** 4  

**Date Plans Approved:** February 9, 2011  

### Facility Information

#### 1. Facility Name: Falls County Jail
- **Address:** 2847 Hwy. 6, Marlin, Texas  
- **Zip Code:** 76661  
- **Phone #:** 254-883-3566  
- **Fax #:** 254-883-3700  
- **Built:** 2000  
- **Renovated:** N/A  
- **Addition:** N/A  
- **Type:** Max  
- **Number of Variances:** 0  

#### 2. Facility Name:  
- **Address:**  
- **Zip Code:**  
- **Phone #:**  
- **Fax #:**  
- **Built:**  
- **Renovated:**  
- **Addition:**  
- **Type:**  
- **Number of Variances:**  

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- **Address:**  
- **Zip Code:**  
- **Phone #:**  
- **Fax #:**  
- **Built:**  
- **Renovated:**  
- **Addition:**  
- **Type:**  
- **Number of Variances:**  

### Housing Capacity
- **Capacity:** 107  
- **Cells:**  
  - sap cells: 11  
  - single cells: 0  
  - M.O. cells: 9  
  - dorms: 2  
  - neg press cells: 1  
  - medical cells: 0  

### Holding Capacity
- **Capacity:** 22  
- **Cells:**  
  - holding cells: 2  
  - detoxification cells: 2  
  - violent cells: 1  

### Construction Security Level
- **Minimum Capacity:** 0  
- **Medium Capacity:** 0  
- **Maximum Capacity:** 107  

### Population
- **Housing:** 59  
- **Hold/Detox/Violent:** 5  
- **Total System Population:** 64  
- **Total Average Daily Population:** 58.00

### Total Inspection Time  
- **10 hours**

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**Sheriff:**  
**Jail Administrator:**  
**Inspector:**

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Training and Drills. Training of staff for emergency situations shall be provided immediately upon employment and no less than each calendar quarter for all jail personnel to include fire, emergency, evacuation drills, and location and use of equipment.

During the review of the life safety paperwork, this inspector observed that not all jailers received quarterly training as required by minimum jail standards.

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.

During the review of the face to face observations for holding and detox, this inspector observed that the jailers exceeded the 30 minute limit between observations as established by minimum jail standards. Some checks exceeded the limit by as much as 1 hour.

Jailer Training and Licensing. Personnel employed or appointed as jailers of county jails or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title. Personnel employed or appointed as jailers or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers at facilities operated under vendor contract with a county or city shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title.

During the review of the facility staffing records, this inspector observed that there were several jailers working on the floor that did not have a jailers license through TCOLE as required.

Staff. Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes. Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions. A plan concurred in by both commissioners' court and sheriff's office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.

During the review of the facility staffing records, this inspector observed that the jail did not maintain its 1:48 jailer to inmate ratio at all times as required by minimum jail standards due to unlicensed jailers working the floor.

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| 263     | Life Safety         | Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation.  
          |                     | Conducted staff interviews. Deficiencies exist, please see the AONC report. Technical assistance provided. During the review of the life safety documentation, this inspector observed that not all jailers received their quarterly life safety training as required by minimum jail standards. The administration has designated a life safety officer to ensure all jailers receive training in accordance with minimum jail standards. Issue is being addressed. This inspector will follow-up regarding this matter within the next 90 days to ensure compliance. |
| 265     | Admission           | Reviewed a random sample of 6 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy. Deficiencies exist, please see AONC report. Technical assistance provided. During the review of the face-to-face observations for holding and detox, this inspector observed that the jailers exceeded the 30 minute limit between observations as established by minimum jail standards. Some checks exceeded the limit by as much as 1 hour. The administration will instruct the jailers to make checks in this area every 20 minutes to ensure that the 30 minute between checks is not exceeded. Issue is being addressed. This inspector will follow-up regarding this matter within the next 30 to 90 days. |
| 267     | Release             | Reviewed a random sample of 2 inmate files. Interviewed staff.             |
| 269     | Records/Procedures  | Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation. |
| 275     | Supervision         | Reviewed all 19 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates. Deficiencies exist, please see the AONC. 1) Technical assistance provided. During the review of the jail’s TCOLE licenses, this inspector observed that 5 jailers were working in the jail before receiving their temporary jailer license from TCOLE. According to minimum jail standards, all jailers are to be licensed by TCOLE before being allowed to work in the jail. The administration is addressing the issues identified by TCOLE. This inspector will follow-up regarding this matter within the next 30 to 90 days to ensure compliance. 2) Technical assistance provided. During the review of the facility staffing records, this inspector observed that the jail did not maintain its 1:48 jailer to inmate ratio at all times as required by minimum jail standards due to unlicensed jailers working the floor. The administration is currently working with TCOLE to correct the licensing situation. This inspector will follow regarding this matter within the next 30 to 90 days to ensure compliance. |
| 277     | Hygiene             | Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.             |
| 279     | Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. |
| 281     | Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation. |
| 283.1   | Reviewed 2 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed rules. |
| 285     | Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates. |
| 287     | Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates. |