



Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Falls County Jails

Marlin, Texas

February 22, 2018

Date(s) of Inspection

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.

Authenticated:

 (B)
 Fred St. Amant, TCJS Inspector

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<u>Dammie Linden</u>	<u>2.23.18</u>
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cc: Judge
Sheriff

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ANNUAL JAIL REPORT

County: <u>Falls</u>		
Sheriff: <u>Ricky Scaman</u>	Judge: <u>Jay Elliott</u>	
email: ricky.scaman@co.falls.tx.us	email: jay.t.elliott@co.falls.tx.us	
Jail Administrator: <u>Edd Nehering</u>	Inspector: <u>Fred St. Amant</u>	
email: edd.nehring@co.falls.tx.us		

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

Reportable Incidents <small>(Previous 12 month History)</small>	Fires <u>0</u>	Escapes <u>0</u>	FOR	Contract Inmates Housed
	Deaths <u>0</u>	Walkaway <u>0</u>	FOR	Milam <u>11</u>
	Suicides <u>0</u>	Secured <u>0</u>	FOR	Bosque <u>8</u>
				Robertson <u>4</u>

Date Plans Approved February 9, 2011

1. Facility Name Falls County Jail Drill Time 1m 6s
 Address 2847 Hwy. 6, Marlin, Texas Zip Code 76661 Facility Capacity 107
 Phone # 254-883-3566 Fax # 254-883-3700 Average Daily Population 58
 Built 2000 Renovated N/A Addition N/A Housing Total this Date 59
 Type Max Number of Variances 0 Holding Total this Date 5

2. Facility Name _____ Drill Time _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____ Facility Capacity _____
 Phone # _____ Fax# _____ Average Daily Population _____
 Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____ Housing Total this Date _____
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 Address _____ Zip Code _____ Facility Capacity _____
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Population: Housing 59 Hold/Detox/Violent 5 Total System Population 64
(During Inspection)
 Total Inspection Time 10 hours Total Average Daily Population 58.00

Ricky Scaman Sheriff Interview with Court Representative Yes No
Edd Nehering Jail Administrator FEB 23 2018 Briefed out w/County Judge Elliott by phone.
 Commissioners Court Representative

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name: Falls County Jail

Date:

February 22, 2018

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.41	<p>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.</p> <p>During the review of the life safety paperwork, this inspector observed that not all jailers received quarterly training as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
2	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>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.</p>
3	275	.2	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
4	275	.3	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION

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Date: February 22, 2018

Facility Name: Falls County Jail

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
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.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 6 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 6 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Review policy.
275	Supervision	Reviewed all 19 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff. Deficiencies exist, please see the AONC. 1) Technical assistance provided. During the review of the jailer TCOLE licenses, this inspector observed that 5 jailers were working in the jail before receiving 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 issue of 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-up 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 policy. Reviewed documentation.
283.3		Reviewed 10 inmate grievance/complaints. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates. None on file.
285		Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates.
287		Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.

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