

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

Facility Name: Frio County Jail

Date:

May 11, 2018

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.15	<p>All corridors and passages to exits, the exits themselves, discharging stairways, and other means of egress shall be continuously illuminated at all points with not less than 1.0 foot-candle measured at the floor, and shall be so arranged that the failure of any lighting unit or bulb will not leave any area in darkness.</p> <p>While conducting a walk-through of the facility, it was observed that the exit signs from the secured facility to the sally port and the lobby exit were not illuminated under normal power or while on generator power.</p>
2	263	.70	<p>Records. Adequate records of all required life safety plans, drills, and inspection of equipment shall be maintained and shall be readily available for inspection by the Commission. The records shall include date, time, results, and signature of person conducting inspection.</p> <p>While reviewing the life safety paper work, it was determined that the new administration did not conduct or maintain any of the required life safety records as required by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.</p>
3	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. (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. (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>The new administration is not currently verifying veteran status made available by the Veteran Reentry Search Service. The new administration is not issuing veteran inmates the referral card or maintaining a log as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
4	273	.5(A)	<p>Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials</p> <p>The jail staff are not notifying the magistrate as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures. It was also determined that the jail staff are not always completing the mental health/suicide screening form in its entirety. The jail supervisors are not signing the bottom of the screening form as required.</p>
5	275	.4	<p>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.</p>

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The floor officer was observed to be outside the secured facility upon this inspector's arrival. By doing so, the facility did not have a floor officer leaving the facility with less than one jailer per 10 inmates as required by minimum jail standards.

6 275 .1 There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times.

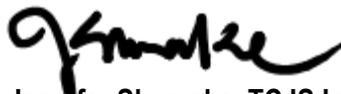
While conducting a walk-through of the facility, two of the four intercoms in the holding/detox cells were inoperable.

7 279 .3 Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

During the walk-through of the facility, the facility was observed to be unclean and unsanitary as required by minimum jail standards. There were also numerous maintenance issues to include plumbing and lighting issues.

8 281 .3 Except in emergency situations, meals shall be served in accordance with a written menu approved and reviewed annually for compliance with nationally recognized allowances for basic nutrition including nutritional requirements of known pregnant inmates. This approval and review shall be documented and should be performed by a licensed or provisional licensed dietitian.

The current menus have not been approved by a licensed dietitian since February 1, 2017. The annual health inspection has not been conducted since the last inspection.



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