

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

Facility Name: Cameron County Jail

Date:

November 13-14, 2019

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.55	<p>All life safety equipment shall be inspected, maintained, and tested by persons qualified to do so (whether under vendor contract, by state or private agency or otherwise) in order that such equipment shall be safe, secure, and fully operative at all times.</p> <p>The fire panel located at Carrizalez Rucker was red tagged on October 9, 2019 and has not been re-inspected as of the date of the inspection.</p>
2	271	.1(a)(12)	<p>Single cells may be utilized for disciplinary or administrative separation. Inmates in administrative separation shall be provided access to a day room for at least one hour each day. Inmates in disciplinary separation shall be provided a shower every other day.</p> <p>The administration was unable to provide documentation that inmates housed in single cells were provided one hour of dayroom time as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
3	275	.1	<p>Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.</p> <p>It was observed by the inspectors that the floor jailers are not conducting face-to-face observations as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
4	279	.1(1)	<p>Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, reviewed and approved by the commission, for the maintenance of an acceptable level of cleanliness and sanitation throughout the facility. Such plan shall provide for: (1) a regular daily schedule for the work and inspections necessary to keep the facility clean; which schedule shall be assigned and supervised by corrections officers who have the responsibility for keeping the facility clean and making regular sanitation inspections.</p> <p>While conducting the walk-through of the jail system, it was determined that the administration is not conducting daily sanitation practices as noted in the Sanitation Plan that has been approved by the Commission.</p>


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