

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

Facility Name: Jasper County Jail

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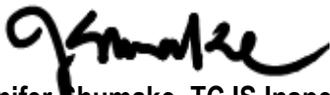
Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.102	<p>Facility Security Requirements. Facility security shall be planned to protect offenders from one another, protect staff and visitors from offenders, and deter or prevent escapes.</p> <p>On the day of inspection, the inspectors witnessed the jail staff simultaneously left the sally port door, the exterior door of the kitchen leading into the sally port and the interior kitchen dry food storage door all open at the same time. The facility failed to meet security measures required by minimum jail standards.</p>
2	263	.5(a)	<p>Emergency Electrical Power. New facilities, new additions, and major renovations to existing facilities shall be equipped with an emergency back-up electrical generator designed to operate both manually and automatically upon interruption of the primary electrical power source. The system shall be capable of operating uninterrupted for a minimum period of one and one half hours without refueling. Back-up electrical power shall be provided for necessary equipment and life safety systems.</p> <p>The generator inside the sally port that powers the "old side" of the facility was unable to automatically operate once the main power source was disabled. The generator also failed to operate in manual mode.</p>
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4	263	.56	<p>Testing Emergency Power Equipment. Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p>A review of the generator log revealed that a monthly load test was not being performed as required by minimum standards. Documentation revealed that a load test had not been performed from October 2017 through March 2018.</p>
5	265	.4(b)	<p>Inmate Files. Upon intake, a medical record shall be established and shall be kept separate.</p> <p>While reviewing inmate files, it was discovered that staff are not separating requests for medical services from the inmate file.</p>
6	265	.10	<p>Inmate Property Checking. The receiving officer shall carefully record and store the inmate's property as it is taken. A receipt signed by the receiving officer and the inmate shall be maintained in the inmate's file. In the event an inmate refuses to sign the property receipt, the receiving officer, with a witness present, shall note the refusal and sign the receipt.</p> <p>Upon review of inmate files, it was determined staff are not documenting whether or not an inmate has property when being processed as a contract inmate. Neither the jailers nor the inmates are signing any of the property receipts as the property is taken for those inmates housed from another county.</p>

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- 7 271 .3 Training. The plan shall provide that all staff whose duties include classification, shall undergo at least four hours of training on the principles, procedures and instruments for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs.
While reviewing jailer licenses and training records, it was determined that the majority of the jail staff have not received the required four (4) hours of objective jail classification training as required.
- 8 273 .5(a)(2) Mental Disabilities/Suicide Prevention Plan. 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.
The jail staff are not notifying the magistrate within 12 hours as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures. It was also determined that the jail staff are not completing the mental health/suicide screening form, in its entirety. The jail supervisors are not signing the bottom of the form in the supervisor section of the form as required.
- 9 275 .1 Regular Observation by Corrections Officers. Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. 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.
A review of the fifteen (15) minute suicide observation logs and thirty (30) minute face-to-face observation logs revealed that jail staff are routinely exceed the 15 and 30 minute rounds by as few as 1 minute up to minutes which is a direct violation of minimum jail standards.
- 10 275 .6 Searches for Contraband. For the protection of corrections personnel and inmates:
(1) any items brought into the security perimeter of the facility by anyone should be searched for contraband; (2) any inmate who leaves the security perimeter of the facility shall be thoroughly searched for contraband before reentering the security perimeter; (3) there shall be regular and irregular searches of the entire facility area for contraband which shall be noted in a permanent facility record; and (4) searches for contraband should be timed so that they cannot be anticipated by the inmates.
While in the kitchen, the inspectors found four (4) cans of smokeless tobacco and a cork screw/wine bottle opener left unsecured in a desk drawer. The inmate workers have direct access to the unsecured desk. The inspectors also found evidence of smokeless tobacco inside one of the trusty cells. This confirms that regular and irregular searches are not being conducted.
- 11 279 .1 Sanitation Plan. 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.
Through staff and inmate interviews, it was revealed that inmates are not receiving cleaning supplies daily. This is a direct violation of their approved sanitation plan.

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- 12 279 .3 Facility Maintenance. Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.
The inspectors observed several inoperable lights, missing security screws, loose door plates and low water pressure throughout the entire facility. These issues need immediate attention.
- 13 281 .5 Staff Supervision. Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee and shall be served only under the immediate supervision of a staff member. Care shall be taken that hot foods are served reasonably warm and that cold foods are served reasonably cold.
Upon arrival to the facility, the inspectors gained access to the kitchen through unsecured security doors. While in the kitchen, the inspectors observed inmate workers cooking food for lunch and there was no jail staff present for direct supervision.



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