

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

**Facility Name:** Kinney Co. Jail

**Date:**

May 22, 2019

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.70	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.

**The administration did not conduct or maintain monthly or quarterly inspections of the life safety equipment as required by minimum jail standards.**

2	265	.13(a)(b)(c)	(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.
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**The administration failed to verify veteran status of each prisoner available through the Veterans Reentry Search Service. The administration also failed to maintain a log for Commission review.**

3	273	.5(a)(1)	Training. Provisions for staff training (including frequency and duration) on the procedures for recognition, supervision, documentation, and handling of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal. Supplemental training should be provided to those staff members responsible for intake screening;
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**The administration could not produce training rosters to prove that suicide prevention training was conducted in accordance with minimum jail standards.**

4	273	.5(a)(2)	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.
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**The jail staff are not notifying the magistrate as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures as required.**



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