

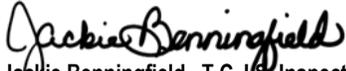
**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Edwards Co. Jail

Date:

October 23, 2017

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.41	<p>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>Jailer Cristina Germany did not receive quarterly life safety training in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2017 as required.</p>
2	263	.56	<p>Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p>This inspector was unable to conduct a load test on the emergency power equipment on the day of inspection due to the jailer on duty not knowing the system and not having the training to operate the generator as required.</p>
3	273	.5(a)(2)	<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>Jailers are not notifying the magistrate when there are indicators on the screening form notating that there is credible information that the inmate may have a mental illness.</p>
4	273	.5(b)	<p>Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted.</p> <p>Jailers are not completing the entire screening form as required. The bottom of the form is not completed and is being left blank. There is no documentation to verify that medical was notified when an inmate reported having a TBI. After interviewing staff, it was determined that a supervisor is not being notified as required. Staff were instructed to sign the bottom of the form and document the date and time they completed the form.</p>
5	273	.2	<p>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>Christina Chapa was hired on 9/17/2017 and does not have a temporary jailers license and has been working as a jailer. The sheriff was not available and paperwork could not be submitted to TCOLE. Jailer Chapa was advised that she cannot work as a jailer, interact with inmates and/or handle keys until she has a temporary jailers license.</p>
6	275	.1	<p>There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times.</p> <p>There is no two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers in the holding and detox cells due to the fact that the intercoms were removed by a vendor and have not been replaced.</p>
7	279	.3	<p>Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.</p> <p>The door to the recreation yard for inmates housed in multiple occupancy cells only works remotely and cannot be opened utilizing a key in the event of an emergency.</p>
8	283	.1	<p>Each sheriff/operator shall develop and implement a written disciplinary plan, approved by the Commission, governing inmate conduct. The plan shall provide for the firm, fair, and consistent application of rules and regulations.</p> <p>(3) Disciplinary Due Process Requirements.</p> <p>After interviewing inmates and staff, it was determined that privileges are being taken away without due process. The jail staff failed to follow the approved disciplinary plan on file with the Commission. After a telephonic conversation with the sheriff, it was determined that the mail was being withheld due to the quantity of the mail received.</p>


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