

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

**Facility Name:** Duval Co. Jail

**Date:**

May 9, 2019

| Item | Section | Paragraph | Comments  |
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| 1    | 259     | .167      | <p>Two-way voice communication shall be available at all times between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs and staff designated by the sheriff.</p> <p><b>The intercoms in holding cells 209, 210 and the detox cells did not work as designed.</b></p>  |
| 2    | 263     | .55       | <p>Inspections, Maintenance, Testing. 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</p> <p><b>The last inspection of the fire panel was conducted on April 3, 2018 which makes it past due.</b></p>  |
| 3    | 265     | .13(a)(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. (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><b>The administration was unable to provide the VRSS reporting logs for 2018 or 2019 nor could it be proved that each prisoner was entered into the VRSS system.</b></p> |
| 4    | 271     | .1(b)(2)  | <p>Initial Custody Assessment. To be completed on all newly admitted inmates prior to housing assignments to determine custody levels.</p> <p><b>The administration was unable to produce the original classification instrument on several inmates for this inspector to review.</b></p>   |
| 5    | 273     | .5(a)(2)  | <p>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><b>The mental health screening forms were often missing from the files. This inspector could not verify if the local health officials were notified when necessary as required by minimum jail standards and Article 16.22 of the CCP.</b></p>  |
| 6    | 275     | .1        | <p>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.</p> <p><b>It was determined through documentation and video comparison, that one particular officer did not conduct physical face-to-face observations as it was documented on a shift observation sheet.</b></p>                                     |

  
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