

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

Facility Name: Hudspeth County Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.156	<p>Power Operated Locks. Power operated locks shall be motor, solenoid, or pneumatic type and provide electrical control unlocking, key unlocking by manual operation, and automatic mechanical deadlocking of doors upon closing.</p> <p>Cell doors within the facility were unable to be operated remotely as designed.</p>
2	263	.51(a)(3)	<p>(a) General. Jails shall have a sufficient means of managing smoke from a fire to permit orderly movement of inmates from the area of a fire incident. Smoke management shall limit the exposure of staff to untenable conditions when responding to a fire emergency. The means of smoke management shall be a combination of compartmentation, control of smoke migration from the affected area, and means of removing smoke to the exterior of the building. The smoke management system shall include the consideration of:</p> <p>(3) automatic and manual smoke control system activation;</p> <p>During the inspector initiated fire drill, the smoke management system failed to automatically engage when the artificial smoke was introduced to the detection heads as required by Minimum Jail Standards.</p>
3	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 Ansul hood system was last inspected on February 2019 which places the system four (4) months past due.</p>
4	265	.3	<p>Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p>During the review of the 30 minute face-to-face observations of inmates in holding and detox, it was determined that staff exceeded the 30 minutes required by minimum jail standards by as few as 10 minute and up to 30 minutes on a consistent basis.</p>
5	265	.13(a)	<p>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.</p> <p>During the review of VRSS documentation, it was determined staff could not produce any documentation for uploads into the VRSS system since August 2019.</p>



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