While reviewing classification documentation, it was determined that all of the jailers are classifying inmates without having had the required four hours of objective jail classification training as required by minimum jail standards.

There was no two-way voice communication between the inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs and staff designated by the sheriff in Cell Block A as all of the intercoms were inoperable.

While reviewing life safety documentation, it was determined that the quarterly fire hazard inspection has not been completed in 2018 as required by minimum jail standards.

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;

While reviewing inmate health screening documentation, it was revealed that the magistrate notification was not always being conducted by the staff as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. It was also determined that the supervisor was not completing the form by signing the bottom of the form as required by minimum jail standards.

Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

While conducting the walk-through of the jail and conducting inmate interviews, it was determined that inmates are not being provided the cleaning cart daily as required by the facilities approved operational plan. There were numerous lighting, plumbing and overall sanitation issues that need to be addressed.
Regular Observation by Jailers. 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.

During the review of observation logs, it was determined that the staff exceeded the 60 minute face-to-face requirement on a continuous basis by 1 to 3 minutes.

Balanced Diet. Except in emergency situations, meals shall be served in accordance with a written menu approved and reviewed annually for compliance with nationally recognized allowances for basic nutrition including nutritional requirements of known pregnant inmates. This approval and review shall be documented and should be performed by a licensed or provisional licensed dietitian.

It was determined that the menus have not been reviewed or approved since October 25, 2016. It was also determined that the jail staff that supervises the kitchen workers do not have food handlers licenses as required by state health codes.

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