

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

Facility Name: Tyler County Jail

Date:

April 18, 2018

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.102	<p>Facility Security Requirements. Facility security shall be planned to protect inmates from one another, protect staff and visitors from inmates, and deter or prevent escapes.</p> <p>The jail staff was observed retrieving facility keys from a desk drawer in the booking area. The jailer stated that the keys were kept there "sometimes" because there was no where to put them. This action left the secured facility at risk.</p>
2	259	.167	<p>Audible Communication. Two-way voice communication shall be available at all times between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs and staff designated by the</p> <p>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.</p>
3	263	.42	<p>Fire Prevention Plan. Each facility, after consultation with the local fire department or Texas Commission on Fire Protection, shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official.</p> <p>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.</p>
4	271	.3	<p>Training. The plan shall provide that all staff whose duties include classification, shall undergo at least four hours of training on the principles, procedures and instruments for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs.</p> <p>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</p>
5	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>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</p>
6	279	.3	<p>Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.</p> <p>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.</p>

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7 275 .1 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.

8 281 .3 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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