

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

Facility Name: Cass County Jail

Date:

November 19, 2020

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.50(a)	<p>New facilities, new additions, and major renovations to existing facilities shall be equipped with an emergency back-up electrical generator designed to operate both manually and automatically upon interruption of the primary electrical power source.</p> <p>During the inspection, the facility generator failed to operate automatically when power was disconnected to the facility.</p>
2	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 fire alarm panel for the courthouse was "Red" tagged December 19, 2019. Repairs to the courthouse fire alarm system had not been completed at the time of inspection.</p>
3	263	.56	<p><u>Testing Emergency Power Equipment.</u> Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p>Required monthly load tests of the generator were not conducted from January 2020 to October 2020. Generator test documentation for the week of October 23, 2020 to October 27, 2020 was listed as "Vacation" and a weekly test was not conducted.</p>
4	271	.3	<p><u>Training.</u> 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>Staff who have not completed the required four hours of classification training are performing classification duties.</p>
5	273	.6(3)	<p>A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. Restraint chair logs indicated staff exceeded the required 15 minute observations by 2 to 11 minutes on multiple occasions.</p>
6	285	.1	<p>Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.</p> <p>During the review it was noted that documentation provided failed to show that inmates are allowed one hour of supervised recreation at least three days per week.</p>

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