



Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Dallas County Jail

February 14-18, 2022

Dallas, Texas

Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

- The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

- This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

Authenticated:

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Michael L. Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

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Byron Shelton, TCJS Inspector

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cc: Judge
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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
ANNUAL JAIL REPORT**

County: <u>Dallas</u>	
Sheriff: <u>Marian Brown</u>	Judge: <u>Clay Jenkins</u>
email: <u>marian.brown@dallascounty.org</u>	email: <u>clay.jenkins@dallascounty.org</u>
Jail Administrator: <u>F. Mark Robinson</u>	Inspector: <u>Michael Gravitt</u>
email: <u>fredrick.robinson@dallascounty.org</u>	<u>Jason Jouett, Jon Luna, Byron Shelton</u>

Last Inspection February 8-12, 2021 Compliant No Inspection Date(s) February 14-18, 2022
 Remedial Order N/A Effect: _____

Reportable Incidents <small>(Previous 12 month History)</small>	Fires <u>2</u>	Escapes <u>0</u>	FOR	Contract Inmates Housed
	Deaths <u>7</u>	Walkaway <u>0</u>		USMS <u>38</u>
	Suicides <u>1</u>	Secured <u>0</u>		_____
	_____	_____		_____

Date Plans Approved August 4, 2015

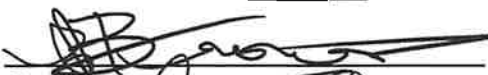
1. Facility Name Dallas County Jail - Sterrett West Tower Drill Time 1m 29s
 Address 111 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas Zip Code 75207 Facility Capacity 1478
 Phone # (214) 653-2900 Fax # (214) 653-2903 Average Daily Population 842.00
 Built 1982 Renovated N/A Addition 1998 Housing Total this Date 829
 Type Max Number of Variances 0 Holding Total this Date 60

2. Facility Name Dallas County Jail - Sterrett North Tower Drill Time 57 sec
 Address 111 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas Zip Code 75207 Facility Capacity 3292
 Phone # _____ Fax # _____ Average Daily Population 2922.92
 Built 1983 Renovated N/A Addition 2004 Housing Total this Date 2921
 Type Max Number of Variances 3 Holding Total this Date 0

3. Facility Name Dallas County Jail - Kays South Tower Drill Time 1m 44s
 Address 111 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas Zip Code _____ Facility Capacity 2304
 Phone # _____ Fax # _____ Average Daily Population 1575.83
 Built 2009 Renovated N/A Addition N/A Housing Total this Date 1588
 Type Max Number of Variances 0 Holding Total this Date 0

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Population: **Housing** 6552 **Hold/Detox/Violent** 60 **Total System Population** 6612
(During Inspection)
 Total Inspection Time 160 hours 4 inspectors **Total Average Daily Population** 5542.67


 Sheriff

 Jail Administrator

Interview with Court Representative Yes No FEB 22 2022

 Commissioner's Court Representative

Inspection Date(s): February 14-18, 2022

4. Facility Name Crowley Courts Building
Address 111 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas Zip Code 75207
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built 1982 Renovated N/A Addition N/A
Type Remote Holding Number of Variances 0

Drill Time 1m 27s
Facility Capacity 376
Average Daily Population varies
Housing Total this Date N/A
Holding Total this Date 125

5. Facility Name Gil-Hernandez
Address 111 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas Zip Code 75207
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built 1983 Renovated N/A Addition 2004
Type Max Number of Variances 3

Drill Time 1m 30s
Facility Capacity 282
Average Daily Population 201.92
Housing Total this Date 187
Holding Total this Date 0

6. Facility Name Cook Chill / Laundry
Address 2123 French Settlement Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
Type _____ Number of Variances _____

Drill Time 1m 52s
Facility Capacity N/A
Average Daily Population varies
Housing Total this Date 0
Holding Total this Date 0

7. Facility Name _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
Type _____ Number of Variances _____

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

8. Facility Name _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
Type _____ Number of Variances _____

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

9. Facility Name _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
Type _____ Number of Variances _____

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

10. Facility Name _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
Type _____ Number of Variances _____

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
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11. Facility Name _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Fax # _____
Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
Type _____ Number of Variances _____

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
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Michael L. Gravitt, TCJS Inspector



Jason Jouett, TCJS Inspector



Jon Luna, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Dallas County Jail

Date:

February 14-18, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews. Technical assistance provided - During the review of South Tower generator documentation, it was determined a load test was not conducted on Generator #1 and Generator #2 during the months of March and April of 2021. Sheriff's department and maintenance staff were interviewed, no documentation could be produced to verify that the tests were performed, or why they were not. Furthermore, weekly non-load tests were not performed on Generator's #1 and #2 on three separate occasions during the month of March, 2021. Generator log documentation reviewed indicated "No generator test this week per maintenance". All generators functioned normally during inspector initiated testing. Staff were reminded of the importance of conducting weekly and monthly load tests on the generators as required by minimum jail standards. Follow-up required - Staff will scan and email the lead inspector copies of all generator monthly load and weekly non-load tests for the next 90 days. Failure to properly document generator testing will result in an additional notice of non-compliance.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 58 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff. Technical assistance provided - During the review of inmate files, it was discovered that multiple inmates were possibly mis-classified using the point additive classification system. Specifically, it was noted that inmates with various drug charges that should have been classified as "5 HIGH" on the Offense Severity Scale were classified as "2 MODERATE" upon initial classification and "4 HIGH" and "1 MODERATE" on reassessments. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that Dallas County staff were using a modified Offense Severity Scale that counted all drug related charges as "MODERATE" rather than "HIGH". It was also discovered that staff were possibly also using an unmodified Offense Severity Scale, although no files were found to support this. Both the standard and modified Offense Severity Scale were found in the classification book presented at the time of inspection. It was also noted that the modified Offense Severity Scale in use was not submitted to TCJS for review and approval. Modifications to the Offense Severity Scale were requested on October 20, 2016 and approved by TCJS on November 10, 2016, but the requested modifications did not include any of the various drug charges in question. Issue was addressed with administration. Follow-up action required - within the next 30 days, administration will review the Offense Severity Scale and submit all requested modifications to TCJS for review and approval. Upon approval, Dallas County will only utilize the approved Offense Severity Scale.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 50 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random selection of 454 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff. Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided. - During a review of documented observation logs in the intake holdover housing unit, it was identified that observations of suicidal inmates housed in this area were being incorrectly documented. Verification was obtained when written observation logs were compared to recorded video documentation. Upon further review of other dates' written observation logs and video documentation, the inspection team and jail staff were able to identify other instances where observation logs were incorrectly documented. Follow-up Required - Until further notice, Jail Administration will provide the lead inspector weekly verification that observation logs and video documentation of suicidal inmates held in intake holdover have been compared/verified and are in compliance with TCJS minimum jail standards and Dallas County Jail standard operation protocol.

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277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule. Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided - During the walk through of the West Tower, the inspection team received multiple complaints from inmates regarding not receiving clean uniforms on a weekly basis. Upon further inspection, and after observing one inmate without a complete uniform, it was determined that staff assigned to laundry are not exchanging clothing and washable items such as sheets, towels, and mattress covers for inmates who are considered to be under crisis care. Laundry officers leave clothing and washable items for officers assigned to the floor to complete the required weekly exchange. Staff was unable to provide documentation showing that at least a weekly exchange of clothing and washable items is being conducted with inmates on crisis watch. Follow-up action required - within the next 30 days, administration will develop a plan of action to ensure that inmates considered under crisis watch are provided with at least a documented weekly exchange of clothing and washable items. Administration will scan and email the plan of action to the lead inspector and provide documentation of clothing and washable item exchange for the next 30 to 60 days for the inmates considered to under crisis watch.
279	Sanitation	Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Deficiency noted. Technical assistance provided - During the walkthrough of Dallas County Jail's North Tower, approximately 40 housing unit doors were identified to be inoperable. In some instances, the inoperable doors were all within the same housing scheme. Inmates, staff and maintenance personnel were interviewed, and an ongoing issue was determined to exist. During the walkthrough, the inspection team identified to Dallas County Maintenance Staff which doors were malfunctioning. Dallas County Maintenance indicated that affected doors were repaired but had been damaged recently and would not secure. While on-site, inspectors attempted to verify door repairs and witnessed inmates manipulating a cell door with contraband causing the door to become inoperable. Follow-up required - The Dallas County Jail Administration will submit a plan of action to Inspector Gravitt within the next 14 days addressing and correcting this ongoing issue. This plan shall include the stakeholders, jail staff and maintenance personnel working together cohesively, to successfully ensure repairs of security doors as well as preventative maintenance moving forward.
279	Sanitation (cont.)	**** Inspector's Note - During the inspection teams' week at the Dallas County Jail they consistently smelled a burning aroma at the North Tower facility. After speaking with numerous staff members this smell is commonly associated with the drug K2 and the burning/smoking of coffee grounds. Also, according to staff members, this has been an ongoing issue for several months. This issue affects the inmate population as well as the jail staff who have to constantly inhale these fumes. The jail must find ways to address this issue so that this does not become common behavior from those inmates who are not adhering to jail rules and regulations.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 50 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 55 inmate grievance/complaints. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates.
285	Exercise	Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates. Technical assistance provided - During the walk-through of the of the West Tower, it was determined through staff and inmate interviews, as well as through recreation documentation, that inmates on crisis and suicide watch are being provided recreation in the dayroom at various times of the day. Recreation policy currently allows inmates to walk around the dayroom for 1 hour per day, 3 times per week. Follow-up required - Staff shall ensure that the dayroom or portable television is tuned to the proper channel or otherwise playing the exercise program/video while inmates are provided recreation. Participation shall be documented as accepted or refused, as required by the facility operational plan or local policy. Administration will scan and email the lead inspector documentation of recreation offered to inmates on crisis or suicide status once per week for the next 30 days. Failure to document offered recreation 3 times per week will result in an additional notice of non-compliance being issued.
287	Education/Library	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
289	Work Assignments	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.1	Telephone	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.2	Correspondence	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates
291.3	Commissary	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.4	Visitation	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.5	Religious Practices	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
xxx	Variances	Reviewed facility variiances.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.


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xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ standards are being met by the facility as required by TLETS.


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