

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

March 22-24, 2022

Facility Name: Smith Co. Jail

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259		<p>One or more holding cells shall be provided to hold inmates pending intake, processing, release, or other reason for temporary holding. Inmates shall not be held for more than 48 hours and the cell shall include the following features.</p> <p>Reference the February 25, 2022 Special Inspection Report, inmates held in holding cells more than 48 hrs.. Deficiencies noted still existed during the comprehensive</p>
2	271	.1 (10)	<p>The status of persons confined to a violent cell shall be reassessed and documented at least every 24 hours for continuance of status;</p> <p>It was determined that documented reviews of inmates placed in the violent cell are not being conducted every 24 hrs. for continuance of status when placed in the violent cell for multiple days.</p>
3	273	.6 (3)	<p>A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities.</p> <p>During the review of restraint chair logs, it was observed that the required 15 min observations were exceeded by 1 to 10 minutes on multiple occasions.</p>
4	275	.2	<p>Personnel employed or appointed as jailers of county jails or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title.</p> <p>During the inspection of the Smith County Jail, it was determined via TCOLE records that Detention Officer Joshua Barnes' temporary jailers license expired on December 20 2021. Documentation showed that DO Barnes continued to work without a valid license TCOLE license from December 20 2021 until February 9, 2022</p>
5	275	.4	<p>Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision.</p> <p>Documentation reviewed shows that Smith County failed to staff the Central Jail Facilities and North Jail Facility with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates on multiple occasions from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.</p>
6	277	.6	<p>Each inmate shall be given the opportunity to shower at least every other day or more often if possible.</p> <p>It was determined that inmates held in holding cells on suicide watch in the booking area were not given the opportunity to shower at least every other day or more often if possible. Multiple inmates were found to be held in holding cells on suicide watch anywhere from 5 to 10 days without the opportunity to shower.</p>


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