

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2022 Inspection Report

2021 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

0 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

80 # **Non-secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

Authority: Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 209(b), a judge of the juvenile court shall conduct an annual inspection, either in person or through a delegated member of the appropriate county or regional juvenile justice commission, of any law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults which, in the preceding year, was used for the secure detention of any minor.

Please respond to sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting (type or print clearly)

Facility Name: Escondido Police Dept. Date of Inspection: 9/29/2022
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

This year's lockup inspection included reviewing the detention logs from 2021.

The facility is well maintained, and all procedures and regulations conform to existing laws. Staff was very friendly and answered all questions asked by Commissioners.

Escondido Police Department (EPD) needs to ensure all sections on the non-secure and secure logs are completed. During the inspection, we noticed some penal codes were never recorded on the logs. Having in place a good Quality Assurance procedure will ensure good maintenance of juvenile logs.

There was a concern from EPD regarding the documentation of WIC 300 youth on Non-Secure Logs. This has been brought up by many other agencies as well. The Commission and EPD will work with County stakeholders to identify an appropriate location for documentation that is separate from the Non-Secure Logs.

The facility has seen a tremendous increase in youth detentions since the 2020 inspection, and after a glance at 2022, it looks like this year will be even higher. To address this, EPD needs to urgently identify more community-led youth programs that can serve as diversion options, including programs that address the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth. This can be accomplished

by creating Memorandum of Understanding agreements or separate contracts with diverse youth service providers. Collaborating with the Escondido School District and neighboring school districts will also ensure that accountability programs are in place before law enforcement involvement that can assist EPD in decreasing youth detentions.

Lastly, EPD needs to identify services where people harmed (victims) can receive support through the juvenile's diversion program. Restorative programs can address this by providing the loudest voice to people harmed regarding their impact, healing process, and restitution needs.

II. **RECOMMENDATIONS** *(if any)*:

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151)

III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:

- A. Are minors provided with orientation? Yes No
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? Yes No
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? Yes No
- D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit? Yes No

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?
[20+ feet separated by multiple doors.](#)
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
[Constant supervision.](#)
- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff? Yes No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water? Yes No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort? Yes No

V. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE:

(this includes minors who are handcuffed to a fixed object such as a rail, bench, chair or table):

- A. Are minors assured no “contact” with adult inmates? Yes No
- B. Is there constant supervision? Yes No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter? Yes No
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain? Yes No

VI. CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION:

- A. Is there direct and constant supervision by staff during the entire custody period? Yes No
- B. Are males and females put in same room? Yes No

VII. INTOXICATED MINORS:

- A. Does the facility have written procedures for the handling of minors under the influence of any intoxicating substances? Yes No
- B. Did the facility detain any minors, either secure or non-secure, determined to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance? Yes No
- If yes:
1. Was medical clearance obtained? Yes No
 2. Were these detentions documented? Yes No
 3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes? Yes No
 4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff? Yes No
 5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors?

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No
- C. Do the detention logs list the offense and reason which formed the decision to place the minor in secure detention, as well as the length of time the minor was securely detained? Yes No
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

IX. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH A MINOR(S) WAS HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS? IF YES, LIST THE DATES, STARTING AND ENDING TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EACH INSTANCE.

No instances in which minors were held for more than six hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

There were no minors present during the inspection.