

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
1 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours
21 # **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: SDPD - Southeastern Division Date of Inspection: 11/30/2022
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Sgt. Ochoa provided us with hard copies of their electronic logs of 2021. Officers are logging in youth sometimes electronically, and some handwritten. In some cases, youth were in both logs. In other cases, youth were in one log (handwritten) but not the other (electronic), or vice versa. Sgt. Ochoa noted that often he updates the electronic log after other officers log in on the handwritten log.

Three juveniles 13 years of age were detained in 2021. Juveniles younger than 13-years-old cannot be securely detained without a court order. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) stated that they only hold juveniles in non-secure juvenile detentions. In the non-secure detention, there is direct supervision (staff have a desk facing the non-secure detention).

While there was no policy on gender specific bathroom use, the officer did notate that youth can choose which bathroom they want to use.

Intoxicated minors go to Rady's Children's Hospital. There was a written procedure on the wall for this. The officer was not able to answer all the questions in section VII of this report, INTOXICATED MINORS, and noted that he did not know these answers off the top of his head, he would need to review reports.

One juvenile, male, age 17, was detained for murder and attempted murder on February 2, 2021. The detention lasted for 7 hours and 49 minutes. This was on the electronic log printout and it is not clear why the detention was over 6 hours and whether SDPD was contacted by Sacramento about the length of this detention.

During the Commission's 2021 inspection, the Commissioners observed that there were many Juvenile Detention Order (JDO) detentions, and they all result in the juveniles being admitted to Juvenile Hall. The Commission's recommended that SDPD attempt to contact a JPO "to confirm that release to a family member would suffice in lieu of booking into Juvenile Hall." Six of the 22 detentions recorded for 2021 were for JDOs that went to the Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility (=27%). Although the number has decreased, it's not clear that this is a result of any policy change.

This division office has a number of signs posted regarding juveniles (see attached photo). Having signage that is easy to read and not cluttered may be more effective.

SDPD Southeastern Division refers all youth to Logan Heights Community Development Corporation (Emilio Galvan). Logan Heights CDC provides CAT, Juvenile Diversion and Alternatives to Detention Services for youth in the Southeastern and Central Divisions (see attached flyer). They also meet youth at their homes to prevent the dangers of crossing gang territory boundaries. While the officer noted that youth can receive home visits from the program, it's important to recognize they serve two very different communities, that vary in different gang involvement.

Capt. Epperson commented that Polinsky is an ongoing issue for SDPD, as there are so many calls from Polinsky that it impacts services for other parts of the community.

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

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends:

1. SDPD should provide updated training to ensure that both paper and electronic logs are accurate, and the electronic log is available to the Commission during future inspection.
2. SDPD provide a memo to the Commission and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) as to the circumstances for detaining the 17-year-old over 6 hours within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report.
3. SDPD post the signage in a manner that is easy to read. (Signage provided by the Commission.)
4. Officers research local providers so that diversion referrals can be made closer to where youth may reside in their communities.
5. SDPD collaborate with Child Welfare Services (CWS) regarding alternatives to working with youth in order decrease the amount of phone calls to SDPD.

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): [Not applicable.](#)

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
- 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: [Not applicable.](#)
(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?

The officer at the inspection could not answer the questions in section B during the inspection.

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
- Section C does not apply as the facility does not use secured detention for juveniles.

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.

One youth was held more than six hours on 2/2/2021 for PC 664/187 Attempted Murder. There was no information as to why the detention was over six hours on the logs reviewed. Starting and ending times are unknown.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

No minors were present during the inspection.