

Juvenile Justice Commission
of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2023 Inspection Report

2022 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0	# Secure detentions OVER 6 hours
3	# Secure detentions UNDER 6 hours
0	# Non-secure detentions OVER 6 hours
134	# 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: Chula Vista Police Department Date of Inspection: 10/19/2023
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

The Chula Vista Police Department continues being a well-maintained facility. The department reported three secured detentions in 2022 due to staff's "automatic" routine with adult inmates and moments after staff realizing their mistake, juveniles were unsecured. The facility reported now having an orientation process where minors are informed of all rights and process of their detainment. Upon recommendations from last inspection, the facility revised their detention logs to provide a better visual organization of information collected, and this allowed Commissioners to better understand the logs. The department does not have clothing or blankets available on-site, these are "never been requested." In contrast to what the department informed Commissioner's during the last inspection, guidelines are not being followed when a minor is arrested under the influence. There was one minor detained while under the influence of alcohol and released to parents without obtaining medical clearance. The report of this incident was reviewed by Commissioners, and it stated that minor was throwing up at time of arrest. The Commission was provided with the Chula Vista Police Department Policy Manual which includes the policy on intoxicated minors.

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

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends the following:

1. Keep clothes and blankets on-site for detained youth.
2. The Chula Vista Police Department Policy manual states, “Juveniles who exhibit any of the following conditions should not be held at the CVPD: (d) Significantly intoxicated except when approved by the Watch Commander. A medical clearance shall be obtained for minors who are under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any other intoxicating substance to the extent that they are unable to care for themselves (15 CCR 1151).” However, this policy was not followed during one detention in 2022. The Commission recommends reviewing the policy Manual with all staff and revising the specifics of “significantly intoxicated” as well as the Watch Commander’s policies regarding this condition.

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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?
"Adults and minors do not interact. Minors are held upstairs and adults are brought downstairs to be processed."
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
"Staff is available at all times."
- 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? N/A 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? N/A 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 hospital. Minors under the influence should be sent to the emergency room."

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.

All secured and unsecured detentions were under 6 hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

No minors were interviewed during the inspection.