

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

7 # **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)

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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Coronado Police Department (CPD) is a clean, organized and well-lit facility. They do not use separate daily secure and non-secure logs for minors. Instead, each youth has their own log which combines details for both secure and non-secure holds, along with a Medical Screening Form. While this might be cumbersome for tracking youths in Police Departments' with a higher volume of minors, it seems efficient for the number of youths brought into CPD. Youth are kept under constant, direct monitoring and cells are not used (see description of a secure hold below). The area where most minors are processed also has continuous audio and video monitoring, as does their adult processing area. This additional layer of monitoring is not available in the briefing room or office where minors might be held if there are multiple youths being processed at one time. The sign that details the procedures and rights of juveniles was located in the adult processing area. It was discussed with Sergeant Cedeño that these signs should be visible in all areas where a youth might be held. Sergeant Cedeño made copies of the example sign provided, with was identical to the laminated sign in the adult processing area, to place in the areas where minors are processed and held (see *Conditions of Detention* sections below).

All records were well-organized but inconsistencies were noted across officers with regards to documenting their visual checks (apparently due to CPD's policy of continuous direct monitoring, some officers did not document 30 minute checks) and notations about the reasons for secure hold (which involves primarily circling different options for a secure hold). These inconsistencies

were discussed with Sergeant Cedeño.

One error in BSCC reporting of secure holds was observed for August 2022. A youth was briefly processed in the adult area and placed in a cell while the Officer pulled up information on the computer in the holding area. The Officer believed the young man was an adult, but realized the mistake and moved the youth to the area where minors are processed and proceeded with a non-secure hold. It was confirmed that no other individuals were present at the time. Thus, CPD had three total secure holds of minors under 6 hours, rather than two secure holds as initially reported for 2022. Upon discussion, Sergeant Cedeño emailed BSCC with the correction, while the Juvenile Justice Commissioner completed the inspection.

Additionally, a minor found in possession at school was held at CPD for less than 10 minutes while a parent was on their way to pick up the minor. In those minutes, the officer observed that the youth was likely high. While the youth was released to their parent, a medical clearance was not obtained. This situation was discussed with Sergeant Cedeño, as it was not clear when the Officer noticed the youth was high nor how long the Officer thought it would take for the youth's parent to arrive.

Diversion options available to CPD were discussed. Their current diversion programming is restricted to bicycle/electronic bicycle related traffic citations and offenses (e.g., riding without a helmet), and is available as a onetime option. This is apparently the largest source of infractions among minors in Coronado.

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

The Juvenile Justice Commission recommends the following:

1. Place "*Procedures for Juveniles*" signs in all areas that a youth may be held: the dedicated room for processing minors, the officer Briefing Room and the additional office space that is used for minors when more than one youth is being simultaneously processed.
2. All Officers should be trained in careful, consistent documentation, including visual monitoring even when youth are constantly under direct supervision. Documentation related to the decision for a secure hold is especially important and should always be included in the logs.
3. Careful documenting of secure holds should occur even when mistakes are made about age/minor status (i.e., it seems most adults are placed in a cell during initial processing, although the door may or may not be closed, as this is the primary seating available, so a mistake about age is likely to result in a secure hold, however brief).
4. An Officer's decision making should always be documented for minors observed to be intoxicated, even when an EMT is not called because their parent is coming to pick them up.
5. Additional diversion programming may be available in the Coronado area and CPD is encouraged to explore other avenues for diversion beyond bicycle/e-bicycle infractions.

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?
All minors are processed and held separately from adults.

A small, dedicated room is open and available for secure and non-secure detentions and allows an officer to work on the computer with the youth present and also be observed constantly by officers in an adjacent room.

Secure holds are restricted to cuffing a youth to a standard desk chair that can be moved (light weight and not bolted to the ground nor fixed to the wall). This chair could be easily moved to any location.

Two additional spaces are available in the same area, should there be more than one youth in custody at a time: a large officer briefing room and a small office. All spaces could be used for secure or non-secure holds without requiring a locked door.

All cells are located in a physically and visually separate area for adults only. While it would be feasible to have a youth continuously monitored in a cell in that area it would require no adults to be in custody and is not presently used for minors.

- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
Continuous monitoring
- 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

As noted above, the only cells available are in an area restricted for adult processing and this area has not been used for minors. Secure holds entail cuffing youth to a movable office chair.

- 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

Youths are held separately regardless of gender identity or sex.

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 N/A
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?

A Fire Department representative or EMT would be needed for clearance and a separate form (Juvenile Medical Clearance) should be signed indicating clearance.

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- Although youth are continuously directly supervised and the environment allows for continuous monitoring, not all logs noted the visual checks.

- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No

The forms used in Coronado combine secure and non-secure log details along with a Medical Screening form. Coronado does not maintain a daily log in sheet for minors. A separate log is used for each youth.

- 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

The forms do provide a list of reasons for secure detention but are inconsistently completed by officers.

- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

Coronado does have the appropriate sign for minors, but it is not located in all rooms in

which they may be held. This was discussed with Sergeant Angel Cedeño.

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

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

No minors present during inspection.