

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

1 # Secure detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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

2 # 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: SDCSD – Poway Substation Date of Inspection: 10/18/2023
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

During the inspection the Sargeant relayed there have not been any changes at this station since the last inspection. The number of minors detained remains low. There was a total of three this past year; two non-secured and one secured. All three were under the six-hour time limit. Two were released home and one was transported to the Probation Department detention facility.

Documentation supported minors are provided phone calls. Signage was clear and visible for minors regarding their rights. Deputies also discuss the minors' rights with them. Minors and adults continue not to be housed in the same area. Minors are not placed in cells unless safety issues exist, which continues to be rare and was not used this inspection period. The minors sit on a bench with a deputy present while paperwork is being completed.

All documentation was complete and orderly. It was easy to follow the detention records. Crimes documented included brandishing a dirk/dagger, having a concealed handgun (gang related), driving under the influence and evading the police.

The Poway station continues to do a great job working with minors.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

As in previous years the station does a great job working with minors and paperwork supports procedure mirrors policy. There are not any recommendations as a result of this inspection.

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? **Minors are held in a separate area from adults with sight and sound separation.**
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? **Minors are under constant direct observation.**
- 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? **All minors are kept in the same holding area no matter how they identify but if placed in an interview room they are separated. Placement in rooms is rare.** 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? [Released home clearance was not needed.](#)
 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 Non-secure.](#) 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? [If needed medical clearance is obtained through Children's Rady Hospital or the Fire Department EMT.](#)

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 minors were held for more than six hours.](#)

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

[No minors were at the station at the time of the inspection.](#)