

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2024 Inspection Report

2023 Yearly Statistics (from Logbooks)

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

1 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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

77 # **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:**

The inspection team asked questions related to this report, toured the facility, and reviewed secure and non-secured logs for Calendar Year 2023. The facility was well kept and organized. The Sergeant was well prepared and provided extensive responses to the inspection team's questions even though only in this position for four months. He could not answer why January 2023 documentation was missing as the person who was in charge in January 2023 had retired.

Regarding questions asked, the inspection team learned adults and minors are housed in separate detention areas. Youth were under constant surveillance in a room with the deputy. There are snacks on site for minors and if the minor needs a meal the staff will get a meal from McDonalds for the youth. As to cell placement, this is not used often as seen by the number of detained minors held in non-secure (77) compared to those held in secured (1) during the calendar year. If a minor is under the influence, the minor is taken to the hospital where the deputy will remain until a parent arrives or the minor is transported to juvenile hall. There were no minors determined to be under the influence during the year reviewed. San Marcos has a very large Spanish speaking population and all signage was in English only. Although informed language has not been an issue, it may serve the population better to have a Spanish version posted. Additionally, the inspection team learned every patrol team has at least one Spanish speaker on the team. The station also has several clerical staff members who speak Spanish.

The log book provided was organized except for some entries which were in the wrong month. It was noted that cell numbers were on the logs of the non-secured detention minors indicating where they were securely held. In conversation and during the tour, it was learned the rooms are interview rooms and not cells. The doors are left open when a minor is in the room in full sight and sound while the deputy processes the minor and completes the report.

Minors were arrested for a number of offenses that included being gang related, robbery, burglary, assaults/battery, vehicle theft, brandishing a weapon, conspiracy to commit a crime, and attempted murder.

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

In review of the 2023 inspection recommendations there were five recommendations made. Two are outside the scope of lock-up inspections, therefore, they will not be addressed. The remaining three recommendations have been implemented. The inspection team learned the minors are oriented regarding their rights, policies were located in a binder in the booking area, and there is a policy for handling intoxicated minors.

2024 Inspection Recommendations:

1. When documenting the location of the minor during the detention process clearly delineate between cell and interview room to avoid confusion of secured versus non-secured detention.
2. Post signs in Spanish regarding the juvenile's rights, in particular being informed of the six-hour limit.

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? **Totally separate. Held in different areas.**
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? **One-on-one with 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? **Has bottled water.** 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.

None.

X. MINORS INTERVIEWED (Comments):

No minors were at the facility during the inspection.