



Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Bexar County Jail

4/26-29/2022

San Antonio, Texas

Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

- The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

- This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

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ANNUAL JAIL REPORT

County: <u>Bexar</u>	
Sheriff: <u>Javier Salazar</u> email: <u>j.salazar@bexar.org</u>	Judge: <u>Nelson Wolff</u> email: <u>nwolff@bexar.org</u>
Jail Administrator: <u>Jennifer Shumake</u> email: <u>jennifer.shumake@bexar.org</u>	Inspector: <u>Martin P. Arnold</u> <u>Mike Gravitt, Jason Jouett, Byron Shelton, Courtney Elrod</u>

Last Inspection March 22-25, 2021 Compliant Yes Inspection Date(s) April 26-29, 2022
 Remedial Order N/A Effect: _____

Reportable Incidents (Previous 12 month History)

Fires <u>0</u>	Escapes <u>0</u>
Deaths <u>14</u>	Walkaway <u>0</u>
Suicides <u>6</u>	Secured <u>0</u>

Contract Inmates Housed

Date Plans Approved June 12, 2019

1. Facility Name Bexar County Jail

Address 200 N. Comal St. San Antonio Tx Zip Code 78207

Phone # (210) 335-6219 Fax # (210) 335-6199

Built 1988 Renovated 1996 Addition 1996

Type Max Number of Variances 8

Drill Time 1min21sec

Facility Capacity 3,342

Average Daily Population 2,689.00

Housing Total this Date 2,513

Holding Total this Date 90

2. Facility Name Bexar County Jail Annex

Address 200 N. Comal St. San Antonio Tx Zip Code 78207

Phone # (210) 335-2666 Fax# (210) 335-2495

Built 1993 Renovated N/A Addition 2001 & 2008

Type Min/Med/Max Number of Variances 4

Drill Time 56sec

Facility Capacity 1,733

Average Daily Population 1,386

Housing Total this Date 1,132

Holding Total this Date N/A

3. Facility Name Bexar County Justice Center (Court Holding)

Address 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio Zip Code 78207

Phone # (210) 335-2666 Fax # (210) 335-2677

Built 1991 Renovated N/A Addition 2012

Type Court Holding Number of Variances 0

Drill Time Test Only

Facility Capacity 289

Average Daily Population N/A

Housing Total this Date N/A

Holding Total this Date 0

<p>Housing Capacity <u>5,075</u></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Cells</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> <tr><td>Sep Cells</td><td><u>11</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Single Cells</td><td><u>372</u></td></tr> <tr><td>M.O. Cells</td><td><u>1037</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Dorms</td><td><u>48</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Neg Press Cells</td><td><u>0</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Medical Cells</td><td><u>52</u></td></tr> </table> <p><small>Notes: Negative Pressure Cells and medical Cells are in the above count Sep. Dorms area.</small></p>	Cells	Capacity	Sep Cells	<u>11</u>	Single Cells	<u>372</u>	M.O. Cells	<u>1037</u>	Dorms	<u>48</u>	Neg Press Cells	<u>0</u>	Medical Cells	<u>52</u>	<p>Holding Capacity <u>434</u></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Cells</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> <tr><td>Holding Cells</td><td><u>51</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Detoxification Cells</td><td><u>2</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Violent Cells</td><td><u>2</u></td></tr> </table> <p>Construction Security Level</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Minimum Capacity</td><td><u>236</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Medium Capacity</td><td><u>1560</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Maximum Capacity</td><td><u>2767</u></td></tr> </table>	Cells	Capacity	Holding Cells	<u>51</u>	Detoxification Cells	<u>2</u>	Violent Cells	<u>2</u>	Minimum Capacity	<u>236</u>	Medium Capacity	<u>1560</u>	Maximum Capacity	<u>2767</u>	<p>Females <u>627</u> <small>(Female Population Today)</small></p> <p># of Cells <u>17</u></p> <p># of Bunks <u>709</u></p> <p>Contract Inmates</p> <p>100 + Capacity (30% + Non - TX)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Population: Housing 4,388 Hold/Detox/Violent 90 Total System Population 4,478
(During Inspection)

Total Inspection Time 30 hours (four inspectors) Total Average Daily Population 4074.00

Sheriff _____

 Jail Administrator _____

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Interview with Court Representative Yes No

Commissioners Court Representative _____

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTOR REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

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Date:

April 26-29, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility.
261	Existing Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility. 1) Technical assistance provided - During the walk through phase of the inspection process the inspection team noted water temperature issues existed in the Jail Annex. The water temperature in many areas of the jail was not between 100-120 degrees, in accordance with minimum jail standards. Maintenance staff stated that boiler breakers are flipped when generator tests are automatically conducted each week. Staff are currently only addressing the issue when inmate complaints about water temperature are received. Additionally the inspection team received and verified complaints from inmates stating the water temperature was too hot in some areas. Follow-up required - Staff will complete a plan of action within the next 30 days, indicating how these issues will be addressed. The plan shall include maintenance staff checking breakers after weekly generator tests. Weekly water temperature checks shall be made in the inmate living areas of the Jail Annex, verifying water temperatures are within minimum jail standards. Failure to adequately address the water temperature issues may result in a notice of non-compliance being issued. 2) Technical assistance provided - During the walk through phase of the inspection process, the inspection team discovered a missing toilet in Cell 4B of the Jail Annex. Maintenance staff were interviewed and it was determined the toilet was removed and a replacement was on order. The inspection team determined that the 5 remaining toilets did not accommodate the 48 inmates that were housed in the cell. Staff moved the inmates to a dorm that had the required number of toilets. Staff were instructed to house no more than 40 inmates in cell 4B, until the missing toilet is installed. Staff were reminded that jail standards dictate each cell and day room shall provide one toilet and lavatory capable of providing drinking water for each group or increment of 8 inmates. Follow-up required - Staff will notify the lead inspector once the missing toilet has been replaced and provide supporting documentation.
263	Life Safety	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews. Technical assistance provided - During the walkthrough of the Justice Center (1.5), it was determined that several cells did not have smoke detection. Administration advised that they would temporarily place these cells out of service until the proper detection devices are in place. In the event that it becomes necessary to utilize those cells, an officer will be placed on a constant watch for those cells. Follow-up required - Jail Administration will notify the lead inspector when work is completed and provide supporting documentation.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy. Technical assistance provided - During the review of inmate files, it was determined that the inmate files did not contain a previous criminal record as required. Issue was addressed with administration that a previous criminal record is to be maintained in the inmate files. Follow-up action required - Administration will submit a plan of action to the lead inspector within the next 30 days explaining how this issue will be corrected.
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 10 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 50 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff.

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273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 39 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy. 1) Technical assistance provided – During the walk through phase of the inspection process, the inspection team noted inmates in the booking area had leg restraints on in the holding cells. It was further determined that staff are not conducting 15 minute face to face observations on these inmates as required by minimum jail standards. Staff were instructed to either begin 15 minute face to face observations immediately or remove the requirement for the use of leg restraints in holding cells. Staff determined they would remove the requirement for the use of restraints as a blanket rule in holding cells. No follow-up required. 2) Technical assistance provided – During the review of inmate files, it was determined that medical paperwork to include Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments and CCQ returns were included in the inmate files and were not in a separate medical file. Issue was addressed with administration that the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments and CCQ returns are considered medical paperwork and are to be kept in a separate medical file. Follow-up action required – Administration will submit a plan of action to the lead inspector within 30 days explaining how this issue will be corrected. 3) Technical assistance provided - During the review of the restraint checks the inspection team observed several checks on different dates involving different inmates that had checks that were late. The late range was anywhere from 1 to 12 minutes in being tardy. Lead Inspector Arnold was contacted by jail administrator Assistant Chief Jennifer Shumake self-reporting issues with late rounds after conducting a self-audit in this area. Chief Shumake also went on to inform Inspector Arnold due to their findings of late checks they would be doing remedial training with jail staff in this area. Furthermore, while the inspection team was reviewing these restraint chair checks they did observe when there were late rounds the Bexar County supervision did hold staff accountable for late rounds through documented employee counseling. Follow-up required - The Bexar County Jail Administration will submit a plan of action to the lead inspector within the next 14 days on how they will further address this problem area to ensure that going forward the jail staff is meeting the standard in this area and conducting the observation checks within the mandated time of the minimum standards
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random selection of 211 jailer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff.
277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.
279	Sanitation	Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Technical assistance provided - During the walkthrough of the facility, the Inspection Team discovered several cells with styrofoam trays from several previous meals as well as air vents obstructed with paper. Inspectors advised jail staff of the importance of sanitation and keeping the air vents clean. Jail staff immediately rectified the situation. No Follow-up needed.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 30 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules. Technical assistance provided – During the review of inmate discipline records, it was determined that inmates are not consistently signing the disciplinary paperwork indicating that they were provided written notice of the intended discipline 24 hours prior to a disciplinary hearing being conducted. It was also determined that refusals were not always properly documented when an inmate refused to sign the disciplinary paperwork. Issue was addressed with administration that inmate signatures or properly documented refusals showing that an inmate was provided at least 24 hours written notice are to be included on the disciplinary paperwork. Administration advised that they are currently in the process of updating policy for inmate disciplinary due process. Follow-up action required – Administration will provide completed disciplinary paperwork to the lead inspector for the next 30 to 60 days showing that inmates are provided at least 24 hours written notice prior to hearing being held. Administration will also provide the updated disciplinary due process policy upon completion.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 37 inmate grievance/complaints. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates.
285	Exercise	Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates.
287	Education/Library	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
289	Work Assignments	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.1	Telephone	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.2	Correspondence	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.

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291.3	Commissary	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.4	Visitation	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.5	Religious Practices	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
xxx	Variances	Reviewed facility variances.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ inquiries are being submitted through TLETS as required.

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