



Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Sabine County Jail

Hemphill, Texas

January 19, 2021

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.

Authenticated:

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Michael Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

Received by:	Date
	1/20/2021
Reviewed by:	Date

cc: Judge
Sheriff

Individuals and/or entities regulated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards shall direct all complaints regarding the commission procedures and functions to the Executive Director at: P.O. Box 12985 Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-5505 Fax (512) 463-3185 or at our agency website at www.tcjs.state.tx.us.

ANNUAL JAIL REPORT

County: <u>Sabine</u>		
Sheriff: <u>Tom Maddox</u>	Judge: <u>Daryl Melton</u>	
email: <u>tmaddox@scsotx.com</u>	email: <u>cookie.cryer@co.sabine.tx.us</u>	
Jail Administrator: <u>Mike Olsen</u>	Inspector: <u>Michael Gravitt</u>	
email: <u>molsen@scsotx.com</u>		

Last Inspection January 13, 2020 Compliant No Inspection Date(s) January 19, 2021
 Remedial Order N/A Effect: _____

Reportable Incidents <small>(Previous 12 month History)</small>	Fires <u>0</u>	Escapes <u>0</u>	AT	Contract Inmates Housed	
	Deaths <u>0</u>	Walkaway <u>0</u>	AT	Jasper	<u>6</u>
	Suicides <u>0</u>	Secured <u>0</u>		San Augustine	<u>4</u>

Date Plans Approved October 31, 2011

1. Facility Name Sabine County Jail
 Address 310 Main Street, Hemphill, TX Zip Code 77514
 Phone # (409) 787-2266 Fax # (409) 787-2150
 Built 1983 Renovated 1997 Addition N/A
 Type Max Number of Variances 0

Drill Time 1m 26s
 Facility Capacity 17
 Average Daily Population 11.78
 Housing Total this Date 10
 Holding Total this Date 0

2. Facility Name _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone # _____ Fax# _____
 Built _____ Renovated _____ Addition _____
 Type _____ Number of Variances _____

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Population: Housing 10 Hold/Detox/Violent 0 Total System Population 10
(During Inspection)
 Total Inspection Time 4 hours Total Average Daily Population 11.78

Inspector [Signature]
 Sheriff _____
 Jail Administrator [Signature]

Interview with Court Representative Yes No
 Commissioner's Court Representative [Signature]

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW



Michael Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Sabine County Jail

Date: January 19, 2021

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through of the facility.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 4 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy. <u>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of observation checks, it was noted that inmates confined in a holding cell or a detoxification cell are not observed by staff at intervals of at least 30 minutes. Documentation showed that observation of inmates in the holding cell and detox cell exceeded the required 30 minutes by 1 to 30 minutes. <u>Follow-up action required</u> - Administration will develop a plan of action to ensure inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell are observed at intervals of at least 30 minutes. Administration will scan and e-mail the plan to this inspector within 10 days of receipt of this report and will e-mail this inspector cell checks for the holding and detoxification cells for the next 30 days.
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 3 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation. <u>***Inspectors note</u> - While reviewing operational plans, it was determined that a majority of the operational plans were last revised in 2011. It was strongly recommended to administration to review and update their operational plans and submit updated plans to the commission for approval as soon as possible.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 4 files. Reviewed training records. <u>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of classification records, it was determined that officers who have not had at least four hours of training on the principles, procedures and instruments for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs are completing initial classification assessments and required reassessments. <u>Follow-up action required</u> - Officers performing classification duties will obtain the required 4 hours of classification training. Administration will provide documentation of completed classification training to this inspector within 45 days.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 4 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy. <u>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided.</u> - During the review of training records, it was determined that a deficiency still exists from the FY20 inspection. The approved Mental Disabilities/Suicide Plan states "Supplemental training will be provided for staff conducting intake screening. This will be done in conjunction with classification training. Special emphasis will be placed on identification, interviewing and/or interpersonal communication skills, the actual screening forms and referrals. This training will be a minimum of 4 hrs." Administration was unable to provide documentation of training and no training was reported to TCOLE. This was an area of technical assistance listed on the FY20 report. <u>Follow-up action required.</u> - Administration will scan and e-mail documentation showing that a minimum of 4 hrs training was conducted according to the approved plan within 45 days.
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random selection of 7 jailer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed jailer documentation. Interviewed staff.
277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Sabine Co. Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	265	.3	<p>Observation During Holding. Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p>Documentation provided showed that observations of inmates exceeded 30 minutes intervals by 1 to 30 minutes for inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell.</p>
2	271	.3	<p>Training. The plan shall provide that all staff whose duties include classification, shall undergo at least four hours of training on the principles, procedures and instruments for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs.</p> <p>Staff who have not completed the required four hours of classification training are performing classification duties.</p>
3	273	.5(a)(1)	<p><u>Training.</u> Provisions for staff training (including frequency and duration) on the procedures for recognition, supervision, documentation, and handling of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal. Supplemental training should be provided to those staff members responsible for intake screening;</p> <p>Administration was unable to provide documentation of at least 4 hours of training as outlined in their approved Mental Disabilities/Suicide Prevention Plan</p>



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