



Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Denton County Jail

Denton, Texas

July 22-23, 2020

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:

Jon Luna, TCJS Inspector

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Received by:

July 27, 2020

Date

Reviewed by:

7/27/2020

Date

cc: Judge
Sheriff

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**T XAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARD
ANNUAL JAIL REPORT**

County: <u>Denton</u>	
Sheriff: <u>Tracy Murphree</u> email: <u>tracy.murphree@dentoncounty.com</u>	Judge: <u>Andy Eads</u> email: <u>andy.eads@dentoncounty.com</u>
Jail Administrator: <u>Barry Caver</u> email: <u>barry.caver@dentoncounty.com</u>	Inspector: <u>Jon Luna</u>

Last Inspection June 20-21, 2019 Compliant Yes Inspection Date(s) July 22-23, 2020
 Remedial Order N/A Effect: _____

Reportable Incidents (Previous 12 month History)	Fires <u>0</u>	Escapes <u>0</u>	FOR	Contract Inmates Housed USMS <u>37</u>
Deaths <u>0</u>	Walkaway <u>0</u>			
Suicides <u>0</u>	Secured <u>0</u>			

Date Plans Approved December 5, 2015

1. Facility Name Denton County-Main Jail (Unit 1)
 Address 127 N. Woodrow Ln. Denton, TX. Zip Code 76205
 Phone # (940) 898-5701 Fax # (940) 898-5759
 Built 1987 Renovated N/A Addition 92/94
 Type Max Number of Variances 2

Drill Time 40secs
 Facility Capacity 641
 Average Daily Population 486
 Housing Total this Date 479
 Holding Total this Date 0

2. Facility Name New Barracks (D5, D6) (Unit 1)
 Address 1410 Troy H. La Grone Dr. Denton, TX Zip Code 76205
 Phone # (940) 349-1890 Fax # N/A
 Built 2001 Renovated N/A Addition N/A
 Type Min Number of Variances 2

Drill Time tested
 Facility Capacity 96
 Average Daily Population 0
 Housing Total this Date 0
 Holding Total this Date 0

3. Facility Name Pre-Trial Jail (Unit 2)
 Address 1410 Troy H. La Grone Dr. Denton, TX Zip Code 76205
 Phone # (940) 349-1890 Fax # N/A
 Built 2001 Renovated N/A Addition N/A
 Type Max Number of Variances 1

Drill Time 1min44sec
 Facility Capacity 466
 Average Daily Population 406
 Housing Total this Date 332
 Holding Total this Date 6

Housing Capacity <u>1591</u> <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th>Cells</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> <tr><td>Sep Cells</td><td><u>96</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Single Cells</td><td><u>103</u></td></tr> <tr><td>M.O. Cells</td><td><u>96</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Dorms</td><td><u>26</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Neg Press Cells</td><td><u>3</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Medical Cells</td><td><u>13</u></td></tr> </table> Notes: The medical cell is included in the MO cell count.	Cells	Capacity	Sep Cells	<u>96</u>	Single Cells	<u>103</u>	M.O. Cells	<u>96</u>	Dorms	<u>26</u>	Neg Press Cells	<u>3</u>	Medical Cells	<u>13</u>	Holding Capacity <u>80</u> <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th>Cells</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> <tr><td>Holding Cells</td><td><u>4</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Detoxification Cells</td><td><u>4</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Violent Cells</td><td><u>2</u></td></tr> </table> Construction Security Level Minimum Capacity <u>0</u> Medium Capacity <u>576</u> Maximum Capacity <u>1015</u>	Cells	Capacity	Holding Cells	<u>4</u>	Detoxification Cells	<u>4</u>	Violent Cells	<u>2</u>	Females <u>113</u> (Female Population Today) # of Cells <u>32</u> # of Bunks <u>220</u> Contract Inmates 100 + Capacity (30% + Non - TX) ☐ Yes ☒ No
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Population: Housing 1018 Hold/Detox/Violent 6 Total System Population 1024
(During Inspection)
 Total Inspection Time 20 hours Total Average Daily Population 892.00

Sheriff Barry Caver Interview with Court Representative ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Jail Administrator _____ Commissioner's Court Representative _____
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Inspection Date(s): July 22-23, 2020

4. **Facility Name** Denton County Courthouse
Address 1450 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX. Zip Code 76209
Phone # (940) 349-1733 Fax # _____
Built 1993 Renovated 2008 Addition N/A
Type Court Holding Number of Variances 0

Drill Time not tested
Facility Capacity 96
Average Daily Population Varies
Housing Total this Date Varies
Holding Total this Date Varies

5. **Facility Name** Unit 2-Pretrial/Tower 1
Address 1406 Troy La Grone Denton, TX. Zip Code 76205
Phone # (940) 898-5701 Fax # (940) 898-5759
Built 2015 Renovated N/A Addition N/A
Type Max Number of Variances 0

Drill Time 1min10secs
Facility Capacity 388
Average Daily Population 238
Housing Total this Date 207
Holding Total this Date 0

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

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

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

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

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

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

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

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

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

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
Holding Total this Date _____

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

Drill Time _____
Facility Capacity _____
Average Daily Population _____
Housing Total this Date _____
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW


Jon Luna, TICS Inspector

Facility Name: Denton County Jail

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Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection 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. Technical assistance provided - Upon inspection of all the facilities, it was determined that the fire detection systems for Pretrial/Unit 2, Denton County Courthouse and Pretrial/Tower 1 were in trouble mode and fifteen minute fire watches were initiated due to the malfunction of the system. This inspector conducted a smoke test at each aforementioned location and the system detected and the purge fans initiated. Upon completion of the smoke tests, systems would not reset to normal. All system malfunctions were corrected while this inspector was on-site showing a "System Normal" status. No follow-up required.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.
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.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 50 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy. Technical assistance provided - During the review of health services documentation, it was discovered twelve jailers were administered TB tests, but were read outside the timeframe required by DSHS. This inspector spoke with medical personnel and advised that all tests must be read between 48-72 hours after being administered regardless of staffing circumstance. Administration was advised to re-test each officer whose test was not read during the allotted timeframe. Follow-up required - Administration will email this inspector documentation indicating completed and corrected staff TB testing for those officers affected.
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random selection of 100 officer 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 walk-through of the Main Jail/Unit 1 facility, this inspector observed rust above and around showers and lavatories in both inmate living areas and inmate common areas. Administration was advised to take an aggressive proactive approach to ensure that no further deterioration occurs. Follow-up required - Administration will develop and submit, to this inspector, a detailed written plan of action providing what steps will be taken to remedy the rust in inmate living areas. These corrective measures must be completed within 60 days of the receipt of this report.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 40 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 40 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.
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 facilities variances.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ standards are being met by the facility as required by TLETS.

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