



# Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Denton County Jail

Denton, Texas

June 11-12, 2018

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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Shane Sowell, TCJS Inspector

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William Phariss, TCJS Inspector

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Received by:

6/19/18

Date

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Reviewed by:

6/19/2018

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](http://www.tcjs.state.tx.us).

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS**  
**ANNUAL JAIL REPORT**

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Jail Administrator:	Barry Caver	
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Judge:	Mary Horn	
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Inspector:	Shane Sowell 	
	William Phariss 	

Last Inspection April 12-14, 2017 Compliant Yes Inspection Date(s) June 11-12, 2018  
 Remedial Order N/A Effect:

<b>Reportable Incidents</b> (Previous 12 month History)	Fires <u>0</u>	Escapes <u>1</u>	FOR	Contract Inmates Housed
	Deaths <u>3</u>	Walkaway <u>1</u>		USMS <u>24</u>
	Suicides <u>1</u>	Secured <u>0</u>		

Date Plans Approved December 5, 2015

<b>1. Facility Name</b> <u>Denton County-Main Jail (Unit 1)</u>		
Address <u>127 N. Woodrow Ln. Denton, TX.</u>	Zip Code <u>76205</u>	Drill Time <u>1min 41sec</u>
Phone # <u>(940) 898-5701</u>	Fax # <u>(940) 898-5759</u>	Facility Capacity <u>833</u>
Built <u>1987</u>	Renovated <u>N/A</u>	Average Daily Population <u>515</u>
Type <u>Max</u>	Number of Variances <u>2</u>	Housing Total this Date <u>511</u>
		Holding Total this Date <u>13</u>
<b>2. Facility Name</b> <u>New Barracks (D5, D6) (Unit 1)</u>		
Address <u>1410 Troy H. La Grone Dr. Denton, TX</u>	Zip Code <u>76205</u>	Drill Time <u>tested</u>
Phone # <u>(940) 349-1890</u>	Fax # <u>N/A</u>	Facility Capacity <u>96</u>
Built <u>2001</u>	Renovated <u>N/A</u>	Average Daily Population <u>30</u>
Type <u>Min</u>	Number of Variances <u>2</u>	Housing Total this Date <u>0</u>
		Holding Total this Date <u>0</u>
<b>3. Facility Name</b> <u>Pre-Trial Jail (Unit 2)</u>		
Address <u>1410 Troy H. La Grone Dr. Denton, TX</u>	Zip Code <u>76205</u>	Drill Time <u>30 sec</u>
Phone # <u>(940) 349-1890</u>	Fax # <u>N/A</u>	Facility Capacity <u>471</u>
Built <u>2001</u>	Renovated <u>N/A</u>	Average Daily Population <u>386</u>
Type <u>Max</u>	Number of Variances <u>1</u>	Housing Total this Date <u>392</u>
		Holding Total this Date <u>0</u>

<b>Housing Capacity</b> <u>1788</u> Cells <u>96</u> Sep Cells <u>96</u> Single Cells <u>108</u> M.O. Cells <u>96</u> Dorms <u>30</u> Neg Press Cells <u>6</u> Medical Cells <u>12</u> <small>Notes:</small> <small>The medical cell is included in the MO cell count.</small>	<b>Holding Capacity</b> <u>80</u> Cells <u>4</u> Holding Cells <u>4</u> Detoxification Cells <u>24</u> Violent Cells <u>2</u> <b>Construction Security Level</b> Minimum Capacity <u>288</u> Medium Capacity <u>0</u> Maximum Capacity <u>1500</u>	<b>Females</b> <u>186</u> <small>(Female Population Today)</small> # of Cells <u>32</u> # of Bunks <u>220</u> <b>Contract Inmates</b> 100 + Capacity (30% + Non - TX) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Population:** Housing 1150 Hold/Detox/Violent 13 Total System Population 1163  
(During Inspection)

Total Inspection Time 30 hours  
2 inspectors

Total Average Daily Population 1096.00

*TJ*  
Sheriff

*Barry Caver*  
Jail Administrator

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Interview with Court Representative  Yes  No

*Mary Horn*  
Commissioner's Court Representative

Inspection Date(s): June 11-12, 2018

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 43sec  
Facility Capacity 388  
Average Daily Population 195  
Housing Total this Date 274  
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   
Holding Total this Date

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTOR REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

*Shane Sowell*

Shane Sowell, TCJS Inspector

*William Phariss*

William Phariss, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Denton County Jail

Date:

June 11-12, 2018

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility. During the walk-through of the Pre-trial SHU area, this inspection team observed that the intercom system is online but the control center is an unmanned area still under construction. Once the construction is completed, within the next 45 to 60 days, this will be a permanently assigned station. The area is currently under 15 minute fire watch and officers are stationed in the hallway to ensure two-way voice communication is available at all times. Issue is being addressed. The inspection team confirmed the 15 minute checks are being conducted. The lead inspector will follow-up regarding this matter within the next 30 to 90 days. <i>Technical assistance provided</i>
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 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 20 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.
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. <i>Technical assistance provided</i> - 1.) During the walk-through of Pre Trial Unit 2, it was discovered by the inspection team that there were several lights out in Pods 11, 12 and 16. Maintenance replaced the lights immediately. Corrected on-site, no follow-up necessary. 2.) During the walk-through of food service, the inspection team found bags of wet towels in the vestibule area which created a gnat problem. The administration advised the towels would be removed and they would address the gnat problem immediately. 3.) During the walk-through of the special needs unit, the inspection team discovered gnats in the shower area and some cells. The administration advised they would address the issue immediately. Follow-up required - This inspector will follow-up with the administration within the next 30 to 90 days to ensure issues have been addressed.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 30 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 30 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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