

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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April 22, 2026

Sheriff Jimmy Fullen
Galveston County Sheriff's Office
601 54th St., Suite 2100
Galveston, TX 77551

Dear Sheriff Fullen,

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office with a Certificate of Compliance for the Galveston County Jail. The most recent inspection of your facility on April 14-17, 2026, by Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspector Martin Arnold has demonstrated that your facility is in compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

The Certificate of Compliance demonstrates your outstanding leadership and the diligent work of your staff in complying with minimum jail standards. In addition, this achievement is a direct result of your office's commitment to excellence and is an example of dedication and professionalism in maintaining a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

Providing the essential budgetary support for jail operations is also imperative to achieving compliance, so let me also congratulate the Galveston County Commissioners' Court for their vital support of jail operations.

The citizens of Galveston County should be proud of your combined efforts, as is the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricky Armstrong".

Ricky Armstrong
Interim Executive Director

RA/gw

cc: Judge Mark Henry, Galveston County

Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Chair
Dr. Esmail Porsa, M.D., Vice-Chair
Judge Joseph "Joe" Fauth, III, Plantersville

Sheriff Richard Kirkpatrick, Kingsville
Ross Reyes, Melissa
Patricia M. Anthony, Garland

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Duane Lock, Southlake
Monica McBride, Alpine

"The Commission on Jail Standards welcomes all suggestions and will promptly respond to all complaints directed against the agency or any facilities under its purview."
To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas



Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Galveston County Jail

Galveston, Texas

April 14-17, 2026

Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: Comprehensive 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:

Inter-Office Use Only

Martin P. Arnold, TCJS Inspector

	<u>4/21/2026</u>
Received by:	Date
	<u>4/21/2026</u>
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.

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County:	<u>Galveston</u>		
Sheriff	<u>Jimmy Fullen</u>	Judge:	<u>Mark Henry</u>
email	<u>jimmy.fullen@galvestoncountytx.gov</u>	email	<u>mark.henry@co.galveston.tx.us</u>
Jail Administrator:	<u>Jennifer Cagnon</u>	Inspector:	<u>Martin P. Arnold, TCJS Inspector</u>
email	<u>jennifer.cagnon@galvestoncountytx.gov</u>		

Last Inspection May 19, 2025 Compliant Yes Inspection Date(s) May 14-17, 2026
 Remedial Order _____ Effect: _____

Reportable Incidents <small>(Previous 12 month History)</small>	Fires <u>0</u>	Escapes <u>0</u>
	Deaths <u>0</u>	Walkaway <u>0</u>
	Suicides <u>0</u>	Secured <u>0</u>

Contract Inmates Housed

Date Plans Approved August 8, 2024

1. **Facility Name** Galveston County Jail

Address 5700 Avenue H Zip Code 77561

City Galveston State TX

Phone # 409-766-2326 Fax # 409-766-2796

Built 2006 Renovated N/A Addition N/A

Type Max Number of Variances 1

Drill Time 2:19

Facility Capacity 1171

Average Daily Population 1094.17

Housing Total this Date 1061

Holding Total this Date 38

2. **Facility Name** Galveston County Court Holding

Address 600 59th Street Zip Code 77561

City Galveston State TX

Phone # 409-766-2498 Fax # 409-765-3116

Built 2006 Renovated N/A Addition N/A

Type Court Holding Number of Variances 0

Drill Time Tested

Facility Capacity 93

Average Daily Population 0.00

Housing Total this Date 0

Holding Total this Date 0

3. **Facility Name** Crystal Beach Remote Holding

Address 946 Nobel Carl Drive Zip Code 77650

City Crystal Beach State TX

Phone # 409-765-2958 Fax # 409-765-0548

Built 2002 Renovated N/A Addition N/A

Type Remote Holding Number of Variances 0

Drill Time Tested

Facility Capacity 25

Average Daily Population 0.00

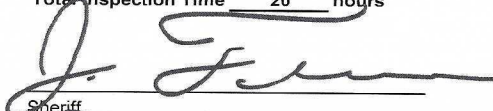
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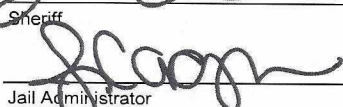
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Population: **Housing** 1061 **Hold/Detox/Violent** 38 **Total System Population** 1099
(During Inspection)

Total Inspection Time 20 hours **Total Average Daily Population** 1094.17


 Sheriff

Interview with Court Representative Yes No


 Jail Administrator


 Commissioners Court Representative

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

Martin P. Arnold

Martin P. Arnold, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Galveston County Jail

Date: April 14-17, 2026

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.
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 25 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 all 100 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed
277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.
279	Sanitation	Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 25 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 25 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	All facility variiances were reviewed.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	All required personnel are trained and certified with the CCQ system and inquiries are being performed on all inmates at intake.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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GALVESTON COUNTY JAIL

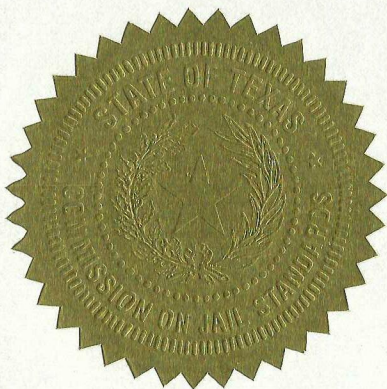
Has been duly inspected on

April 14-17, 2026

and has been found that date to be in compliance with

Texas Minimum Jail Standards

Under Authority of Government Code,
Chapter 511, Texas Commission On Jail Standards



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Ricky Armstrong
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