

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2015 Inspection Report

2014 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours
2 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours
0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours
197 # **Non-secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

Authority: Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 209(b), a judge of the juvenile court shall conduct an annual inspection, either in person or through a delegated member of the appropriate county or regional juvenile justice commission, of any law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults which, in the preceding year, was used for the secure detention of any minor.

Please respond to sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting (type or print clearly)

Facility Name: Chula Vista Police Dept. Date of Inspection: 2/11/16
Address: 315 Fourth Avenue Date of Last Inspection: 5/17/13
Chula Vista, CA 91910 Phone Number: _____

Facility Manager: Chief David Bejarano Contact Person: Lt. Phil Collum

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Carolyn M. Caietti
Commission Chair: Kim Allan
Phone No.: 858-634-1555

I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

1. The Chula Vista facility is very clean and well run. The personnel that we interacted with were extremely professional and were very interested in adopting best practices with respect to the detention of juveniles at their facility.
2. The sign that the Department uses to notify officers about juvenile detention regulations is the model sign that the Commission uses to show other departments during their jails and lock up inspections.

II. **RECOMMENDATIONS (if any)**

1. We recommend that the Department look into ways to completely separate juveniles from the adults during the fingerprinting and photographing process.
2. The Commission also recommends that the Department makes sure that it is using the more current detention log forms as some of the forms we reviewed did not require officers to set forth the reasons for a secure detention.
3. That the department should adopt as a practice the orientation for juvenile detainees that is described in Section III of this form.

The following questions are asked to determine compliance with Article 14, *Minors in Temporary Custody of a Lockup/Law Enforcement Facility*, of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION: Questions A-D in this section are intentionally left blank. While officers are aware of the rules for juvenile detention, it is not clear whether all minors are informed of these rules when they enter the facility. Please see recommendation 3 in Section II.

- A. Are minors provided with orientation? Yes No
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? Yes No
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? Yes No
- D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit? Yes No

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates? Separate except in the photo and fingerprint areas
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? Constant
- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff? Yes No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water? Yes No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort? Yes No

V. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE:

(this includes minors who are handcuffed to a fixed object such as a rail, bench, chair or table):

- A. Are minors assured no "contact" with adult inmates? Yes No
- B. Is there constant supervision? Yes No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter? Yes No
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available? Yes No
This is an extremely rare situation.
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain? Yes No

VI. CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION:

- A. Is there direct and constant supervision by staff during the entire custody period? Yes No
- B. Are males and females put in same room? Yes No

VII. INTOXICATED MINORS:

- A. Does the facility have written procedures for the handling of minors under the influence of any intoxicating substances? Yes No
- B. Did the facility detain any minors, either secure or non-secure, determined to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance? Yes No

Detention logs don't have boxes to document medical clearances. As a practical matter, if a minor in Chula Vista is detained and exhibits signs of intoxication the department calls Scripps Chula Vista Hospital or 9-1-1.

If yes:

1. Was medical clearance obtained? Yes No
[Intentionally left blank; see comment above.](#)
2. Were these detentions documented? Yes No
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3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes? Yes No
4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff? Yes No
5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors? [Scripps Chula Vista Hospital or 9-1-1](#)

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No
- C. Do the detention logs list the offense and reason which formed the decision to place the minor in secure detention, as well as the length of time the minor was securely detained? Yes No
[Intentionally left blank.](#) In some cases, Chula Vista was using the old detention log forms which do not have a box for listing the reasons for secure detention, but they also use the new detention log forms which have such a box. We recommend that going forward, they use only the new detention log forms and document the reasons for secure detention.
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

[Chula Vista has the model sign posted in three locations.](#)

IX. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH A MINOR(S) WAS HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS? IF YES, LIST THE DATES, STARTING AND ENDING TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EACH INSTANCE.

[No.](#)

X. MINORS INTERVIEWED (COMMENTS):

[None were present.](#)

XI.

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