

**Juvenile Justice Commission**  
of San Diego County

**Jails and Lockups 2018 Inspection Report**

2017 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)	
0	# <u>Secure</u> detentions <b>OVER</b> 6 hours
4	# <u>Secure</u> detentions <b>UNDER</b> 6 hours
1	# <u>Non-secure</u> detentions <b>OVER</b> 6 hours
138	# <u>Non-secure</u> detentions <b>UNDER</b> 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.

Facility Name: Chula Vista Police Dept. Date of Inspection: 12/20/2018  
Address: 315 Fourth Avenue Date of Last Inspection: 12/18/2017  
Chula Vista, CA 91910 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Manager: Chief Roxana Kennedy Contact Person: Lt. Don Redmond

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Kimberlee A. Lagotta  
Commission Chair: Amy Lansing  
Phone No.: 858-634-1555

**I. GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The Chula Vista Police Department boasts a professional, well-organized staff that is passionate about ensuring juvenile detentions are properly conducted. The facility itself is clean and well-maintained. The arrest and detention logs were detailed, up-to-date, and easy to review due in large part to the well-trained and dedicated staff member in charge of recordkeeping. The staff was generous with their time and transparent with their policies and procedures.

It should also be mentioned that the Chula Vista Police Department has an onsite juvenile diversion program through a contract with South Bay Community Services. The program works with first time offenders and their parents, and provides individualized treatment plans, which may include counseling, behavioral health treatment, peer mentoring, and other resources and support. In 2017, the program served 395 youth and had a non-recidivism success rate of 99.75%. It is estimated that nearly 95% of youth detained by the Chula Vista Police Department are referred to the juvenile diversion program.

**II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):**

1. BSCC forms and reporting requirements have recently changed. The JJCPA and WIC §206 and §207 prohibit the Secure detention of status offenders (WIC §601) and nonoffenders (WIC §300/WIC §5150). Any violations must be reported to the BSCC on the Monthly Report on the Detention of Minors. For more information, please refer to the section on Youth in Adult Detention Facilities on the BSCC webpage: [http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_fsoservices.php](http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_fsoservices.php)

2. Ensure adequate staff training concerning specific detention rules and procedures governing juveniles. In the 2017 calendar year, three out of four of the secure detentions were considered unintentional and reportedly lasted less than a minute in duration. Document all mandated visual checks as well as all medical clearances for youth suspected to be under the influence of intoxicating substances. Logs indicated one unsecure detention where the minor had a blood alcohol level of .084 yet no medical clearance was obtained.

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151).

**III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:**

- 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? *Juveniles are held on a separate floor from adult inmates.*
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? *Staff are able to provide supervision constantly through in-person visual checks as well as electronic surveillance which is monitored by watch commanders.*
- 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
- 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

If yes:

1. Was medical clearance obtained?  Yes  No
2. Were these detentions documented?  Yes  No
3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes?  Yes  No

Unknown because safety check logs were not available.

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?

Per the Chula Vista Police Department's policy, emergency medical professionals provide medical clearance for "significantly" intoxicated minors that are deemed "unable to care for themselves". This presents a gray area for youth, such as the one previously mentioned with a BAC of .084.

**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
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors?  Yes  No

**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.**

There was one instance when a minor was held in unsecure detention for more than six hours, as detailed below:

- November 19, 2017 at 19:30-November 20, 2017 at 3:07 (7 hours 37 minutes total). The youth was waiting for a medical professional from the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to conduct a physical examination.

**X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):**

N/A