

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2018 Inspection Report

2017 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

0 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

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0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

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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: San Diego Police Dept., Southeastern Div. Date of Inspection: 12/12/2018
Address: 7222 Skyline Drive Date of Last Inspection: N/A
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Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Kimberlee A. Lagotta
Commission Chair: Amy Lansing
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The San Diego Police Department's Southeastern Division is located in a neighborhood of socio-economic diversity. It is well run by excellent and committed personnel. This was the first year that the Juvenile Justice Commission has inspected any San Diego Police divisions and although we found the documentation to be differently formatted, the logs were well-organized and easy to read. We discovered that the San Diego Police does not hold any youth in secure detention—so the statistics were only based on non-secure detentions under 6 hours. Upon a detention, the juvenile is either released to a family member or transported to Juvenile Hall. Interestingly, the Southeastern Division has its own in-house diversion program for youth (mostly curfew violations) allowing many juveniles to attend classes with their parents either at the station or at Second Chance (located nearby).

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
2. Continue the excellent community relationships including meeting with parents and juveniles at the Division. Attempt to fill some vacant staff positions in the juvenile officer ranks.

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
- E. Inspection Questions for LGBTQ Youth:
 - 1. Are staff trained in basic LGBTQ competency? Yes No
 - 2. Do you ask youth their gender identity and gender pronouns during intake?
 Yes No

[Make observations.](#)

- 3. How do you work with youth who identify as non-binary, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, neither male or female? [Treat all with respect.](#)
- 4. What safety measures are in place to ensure that LGBTQ youth are safe and protected from harmful encounters? [Separation from other juveniles and from all adults.](#)

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room): [Not applicable](#)

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
- 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: [Not applicable](#)
(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? [Not applicable](#) 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? [Children's Hospital staff or EMTs at fire station close by.](#)

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No

[Only non-secure logs are used.](#)

- 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

[Only as to non-secure detention.](#)

- 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.

[No](#)

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

[No minors were present.](#)