

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

1 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

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: SDSO – Ramona Substation Date of Inspection: 11/5/2018
Address: 1424 Montecito Road Date of Last Inspection: 11/14/2017
Ramona, CA 92065 Phone Number: 760-789-9157

Facility Manager: Lt. Christopher Davis Contact Person: Sgt. Robert Samuels

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

I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

During the inspection the Commissioner was able to see the area where the minors are held. It was clean, neat and organized. The required signs and notification to minors was posted in the area the minors are held. There are two benches where youth are placed when brought to the station which allows for separation of male and female minors. There is a work station for the deputies to complete their paperwork while keeping direct and constant supervision of the minors. The Commissioner was able to verify minors have access to restroom facilities, water, snacks and blankets. If a snack is not enough to satisfy the minor’s hunger, deputies will provide food from a local fast food restaurant.

Secure and non-secure logs were reviewed for Calendar Year 2017. The logs were complete. When the logs are completed by the deputies the Sergeant will review them to ensure they are filled out properly.

There is a PERT team assigned to the Ramona station twice per week. The PERT team is shared with the Lakeside and Poway stations. The PERT team has been assigned to the station for more than a year and there are plans to expand the coverage in Ramona in the future. This is another tool that assists with keeping minors from being detained and/or from entering the juvenile justice system.

When asked about Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender populations the Sergeant relayed that they are respected. When asked who searches a transgender minor, he relayed they will ask the minor who they are most comfortable with having search them. The deputies try to accommodate the request but there are more male deputies than female deputies assigned to the station. Therefore, the request may not always be accommodated. Officer and minor safety are paramount. They do not conduct strip searches, only pat-downs.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

1. BSCC forms and reporting requirements have recently changed. The JJDPa 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. There were not any recommendations made in the previous year's inspection.

The Sergeant in charge of overseeing the non-secured and secured minors' protocol has been in place for several years. This consistency of staff has proved to be beneficial ensuring protocols and paperwork are in order. There are no new recommendations.

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:

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| A. Are minors provided with orientation? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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

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| A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates? All minors are sight and sound separated from the adult inmates. | | |
| B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor? All minors are under constant/direct supervision. | | |
| C. Is there constant auditory access to staff? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

There is no watch commander at the Ramona station, but the Sergeant at the station fulfills this role.

- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available? Yes No
Minors are not placed in cells unless they pose a threat. No minors were placed in a cell in 2017.
- 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

Minors are held in the same room but on separate benches and are under constant supervision. They are not put in the same cell.

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
 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?

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.

No minors were held over 6 hours.

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

There were not any minors at the Ramona station during the inspection.