

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2024 Inspection Report

2023 Yearly Statistics (from Logbooks)

1 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours
42 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours
0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours
2 # **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: SDCSD – Rancho San Diego Substation Date of Inspection: 10/29/2024
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The Rancho San Diego Substation is a well-maintained, fairly modern facility. The area used for detaining youth has its own entrance from the outside. Detained adults enter the facility through a separate door that leads to a separate area. Minors are thereby separated from adults by sight and sound. The area used for detaining youth has appropriate signage, a cement bench with a metal bar that, in combination with handcuffs, can be used to secure detained youth, a bathroom, a desk where a deputy can sit, and a one-way mirror that allows deputies to observe detained youth. Bottled water, snacks, and blankets are available for detainees.

The JJC inspection team reviewed juvenile detention records organized by month in the Substation briefing room. Cpl. Ramos was present during our review. He was cooperative, and very helpful in answering our questions.

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

There are no recommendations at this time.

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?
[Separate.](#)
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
[Constant observation.](#)
- 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
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.

One minor, detained on January 7, 2023, was held for more than six hours. The detention began at 0325 and ended at 1501, i.e., the minor was detained for 11 hours 36 minutes. The reason for the delay was that relatives from the Los Angeles area had to arrange for transportation and then travel to the San Diego area to pick up the minor.

X. MINORS INTERVIEWED (Comments):

No detained minors were present during the inspection. Hence, no minors were interviewed.