

Juvenile Justice Commission
of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2014 Inspection Report

2013 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)

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

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

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 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: National City Police Department Date of Inspection: 1-6-2015
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I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

1. Very clean and modern station. One conference room with windows is used for non-secure detentions when youth is not sitting next to officers. Not clear if camera or audio is working in conference room but windows are big and officers are right next to the room. Not clear if room is locked; if so these would be secure detentions.
2. Officer sent corrected statistics to Sacramento soon after mistakes were found during our inspection.
3. Most detentions are well under 6 hours and most are under 3 hours.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS (if any):

1. Some status offenses were mistakenly counted as detentions. Corrected statistics were sent to Sacramento after our inspection. Department will also clarify why some "JDO" detentions ("Juvenile Detention Order") go to Polinsky and some to the Hall in order to clarify whether to count them as non-secure detentions.
2. One juvenile detained in a patrol car for 75 minutes was reported as a non-secure detention. There may have been a second patrol car detention.
3. Recommend that all lock up facilities be provided with standard signage. National City has a good sign.
4. It's not clear whether the main detention room, the interview room with windows, is locked or unlocked. If locked, these could be secure detentions.

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:

- 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

Youth are not given an "orientation" per se, but B-D are explained to them.

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

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates? **Different floors of the building**
- 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

Case-by-case basis. No clothing or blankets present.

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
Minors are transported to juvenile hall rather than being placed in a cell.
- 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
Fire department medics are called when needed.
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
Minors are taken directly to Paradise Valley Hospital.
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? *Medics take to hospital*

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.

None

X. Minors Interviewed (Comments):

None

2013 Statistics:

- *Non-secure detentions under 6 hours: 77 (they reported 13 in March, should be 11; they reported 7 in April, should be 5. Corrected statistics were submitted to State after our inspection.)*
- *Non-secure detentions over 6 hours: 0*
- *Secure detentions under 6 hours: 1 (for prostitution: sent to Polinsky).*
- *Secure detentions over 6 hours: 0*