

**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: SDSO – Poway Date of Inspection: 12-17-2014  
Address: 13100 Bowron Road Date of Last Inspection: 5-8-13  
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**I. GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Overall, the Poway facility is doing well. The facility is well-maintained. The log books are well-kept. The rooms that are designated for secure and non-secure detention of minors allow for constant supervision of minors and detained minors have safe and ready access to food, water, and toilet facilities. There are two areas in which the Poway facility should improve, and they are discussed below.

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

Two issues the Poway facility should address:

1. There should be signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors. There was no such signage posted on the date of this inspection, but the officer with whom the inspector spoke indicated that he would address the situation right away and post the required signage.
2. Detained minors always should be informed of the 6-hour maximum time limit for detention.

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\*

\*Officer could not recall if minors are always informed of the 6-hour limit. Minors are always informed about the expected length of detention, but he did not know for certain that they are specifically informed about the 6-hour maximum time limit.

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

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?  
Minors are kept separate from adult prisoners. When they are in unsecured detention, minors are in a room separated by a hallway and two locked doors (a badge is needed to get through) and supervised by an officer. When they are in secure detention, minors are not in a cell unless there are no adults in the cell. Otherwise, they are in secure detention in a separate room with constant officer supervision.

- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?

Minors are under constant staff supervision

- 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\*
- \*Not unless there is constant observation

**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? \*

\*Generally, when a minor appears to be intoxicated, the minor is released to parents or taken to Children's Hospital, and not detained. There was one secure detention in 2013 that involved an intoxicated minor.

**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

The facility did not have signage posted, but was given an example of the required signage and the officer indicated that he will post it ASAP.

**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 to report.

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

No minors were in detention at the time this inspection was conducted.