

**Juvenile Justice Commission**  
of San Diego County

**Jails and Lockups 2013 Inspection Report**

**2012 Yearly Statistics (from Log Books)**

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

0 # **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)*

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**I. GENERAL COMMENTS:**

*The Western Division Police Department is relatively small, having detained only approximately 110 minors in the 2012 calendar year. It has two (side-by-side) holding cells to accommodate secure and unsecure detentions of both minors and adults. One cell has a disabled lock on the door and no rail for cuffing detainees. The other is lockable and has a cuffing rail. There is a solid wall between the rooms and doors (rather than bars) in front. This affords some reduction of sight or sound contact potentials between adult and minor detainees.*

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

- *Single poster with secure and non-secure requirements; checklists for admonitions of same to minors recommended.*
- *Signage regarding intoxicated minors recommended.*
- *Presence of both “secure” and “non-secure” log format recommended.*
- *Supplies or warm blankets and appropriate clothing articles for minors recommended.*

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

*Conditions of detention are roughly outlined on several small posters on the walls in front of the cells. Conditions are orally presented, per protocol though there is no written narrative or indication on detention or arrest documentation.*

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

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?

*2 Side by side cells entire facility. One secure, one non-secure; non-secure used for minors.*

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

*Juvenile Officers are in direct sight of detained minors at all times.*

- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff?  Yes  No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested?  Yes  No

*A small snack bin contains a +-dozen power and granola bars. The internal log indicates the last snack provided was approximate 6 months prior to current inspection.*

- 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

*No supplies of blankets or clothing were located.*

**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):*

*Interview indicates there have been no secure detentions in the past 1 ½ years. No fixed cuffing rails or objects are observed.*

- A. Are minors assured no "contact" with adult inmates:  Yes  No

*Limitations in space and facility do not guarantee this but officers are aware of requirement and will observe that no contact (other than incidental) may occur. However, there are not really any physical accommodations available if problematic contact occurs. Discretion is at the hands of well-trained and observant officers.*

- B. Is there constant supervision?  Yes  No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter?  Yes  No

*No observed logs or protocols in this regard where able to be located.*

D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available?  Yes  No

E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities?  Yes  No

*By request*

F. Is there access to a drinking fountain?  Yes  No

*By request*

## 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

*There is only one non-secure room available.*

## 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

*None indicated in logs reviewed.*

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?

*Interview indicated that inebriated or medical concerning contacted youth are transported to Children's hospital for clearance. Though there are no documented case in this review period.*

## VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

A. Are all mandated visual checks documented?  Yes  No

*Computer accessed logs are only emulations of non-secure logs and do not contain fields for visual checks or significant narrative. No secure detentions were indicated, but there is no place to indicate whether the detention was secure or non-secure. No secure detention log forms are present at Western Division currently.*

B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used?  Yes  No

*Only non-secure detention logs are present on computer or in physical form.*

- 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

*Yes, but in several discontinuous small postings. Suggested updated, single posting containing required information.*

**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, however two minors were held 5 hrs 56 mins and 5 hrs 59 mins.*

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

*None present.*