

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Kinney Co. Jail

Date:

May 29, 2018

| Item | Section | Paragraph | Comments |
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| 1 | 259 | .167 | <p>Audible Communication. Two-way voice communication shall be available at all times between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs and staff designated by the sheriff.</p> <p>While conducting a walk-through of the facility, multiple intercoms were observed to be absent or inoperable in the inmate occupied areas including the recreation yard and the inmate side of the visitation area. It should be noted that this facility received technical assistance regarding inoperable and absent intercoms during the 2017 annual inspection.</p> |
| 2 | 263 | .15 | <p>All corridors and passages to exits, the exits themselves, discharging stairways, and other means of egress shall be continuously illuminated at all points with not less than 1.0 foot-candle measured at the floor, and shall be so arranged that the failure of any lighting unit or bulb will not leave any area in darkness.</p> <p>While conducting a walk-through of the facility, it was observed that there were no illuminated exit signs in the facility.</p> |
| 3 | 263 | .42 | <p>Fire Prevention Plan. Each facility, after consultation with the local fire department or Texas Commission on Fire Protection, shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official.</p> <p>While reviewing life safety paperwork, it was revealed that the jail staff are not conducting the quarterly fire prevention checklist as required by standards.</p> |
| 4 | 263 | .54 | <p>All life safety equipment shall be out of reach of inmates or otherwise secured from unauthorized tampering. At least one self-contained breathing apparatus shall be available and maintained in or near each facility control station. All staff shall be trained and quarterly drills conducted in the use of this equipment. A minimum of one unit shall be provided for each building of a multibuilding facility and on each floor of a multistory facility.</p> <p>While conducting a fire/smoke test, it was determined that the staff did not know how to properly put on the SCBA. It was also determined that the staff did not know how to operate the SCBA as required by minimum jail standards.</p> |
| 5 | 263 | .56 | <p>Testing Emergency Power Equipment. Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p>While reviewing the generator log, it was revealed that the generator had not had a full load test conducted since September of 2017.</p> |

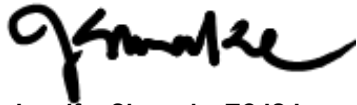
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6 273 .5(a)(2) Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials

The jail staff are not notifying the magistrate, in writing or electronically, as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures. The staff is not including the CCQ in the inmate's medical file. The CCQ needs to be included with the inmate health screening form to be readily available to review by Commission staff.

7 279 .3 Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

During the walk-through, multiple maintenance issues were observed to include a leaky roof that has resulted in the east wing of the facility to be closed down. There is also no hot water on the east wing. Intercoms need to be added and intercoms need to be repaired. There were multiple lights that were not operating. Illuminated exit signs need to be installed.



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