

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

Facility Name: Wilson County Jail

Date:

May 23, 2017

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.30(1)	<p>An automatic fire detection and alarm system shall be provided for all facilities. The system shall include:</p> <p>(1) automatic fire detection for all areas of the facility;</p> <p>A Fire Alarm Deficiency Notification Report from Simplex Grinnell indicated that two (2) batteries needed to be replaced and three (3) smoke detectors were not functioning. The inoperable smoke detectors were located in the following locations: 1. In the Administration Room by Medical Dept.; 2. In the hall by the Detoxification Area; and 3. In the Multi-Purpose Room 2. When tested, no alarm was indicated. Due to inoperable detectors, the fire detection and alarm system did not provide automatic fire detection in these areas as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
2	263	.55	<p>All life safety equipment shall be inspected, maintained, and tested by persons qualified to do so (whether under vendor contract, by state or private agency or otherwise) in order that such equipment shall be safe, secure, and fully operative at all times.</p> <p>The fire alarm panel in the Wilson Co. Jail received a Blue Annual Inspection Tag on March 28, 2017. On the same day, the panel was also Red Tagged due to two (2) batteries needing to be replaced and three (3) inoperable smoke detectors.</p>
3	263	.55	<p>All life safety equipment shall be inspected, maintained, and tested by persons qualified to do so (whether under vendor contract, by state or private agency or otherwise) in order that such equipment shall be safe, secure, and fully operative at all times.</p> <p>The fire alarm panel in the Wilson County Annex (courts) has not been inspected since January of 2016 when the installation tag was placed on the system. The fire alarm panel is at least four (4) months past due for an inspection as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
4	265	.3	<p>Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p>Inmates in the holding/detox cells were not being observed by jailers once every 30 minutes as required by minimum jail standards. The documentation reviewed shows a clear and consistent pattern of face to face observations going over the 30 minute requirement by 5 minutes on every other check that is conducted by staff.</p>
5	275	.1	<p>Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.</p> <p>Inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior were not being observed by jailers once every 30 minutes as required by minimum jail standards. The documentation reviewed shows a clear and consistent pattern of face to face observations going over the 30 minute requirement by 5 minutes on every other check that is conducted by staff.</p>

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6 281 .3 Except in emergency situations, meals shall be served in accordance with a written menu approved and reviewed annually for compliance with nationally recognized allowances for basic nutrition including nutritional requirements of known pregnant inmates. This approval and review shall be documented and should be performed by a licensed or provisional licensed dietitian.

During the review of the menus, it was determined that the last review by a licensed dietician was on April 14, 2016 which puts the review almost 1.5 months past due.

7 283 .1(3)(C) (3) Disciplinary Due Process Requirements.
(C) provisions shall be made for at least twenty-four hours written notice to be given to the inmate of the claimed violation or charges against him/her;

During review of disciplinary paperwork, multiple files revealed that hearings, sanctions and waivers were all taking place on the same day inmates received notice of charges against them. In these cases, the inmates did not receive the required 24 hour due process period as required by minimum jail standards. In other cases, the inmates requested a hearing and the hearing information sheet is left blank with no time or date noted on the form. However, punishment was rendered without following due process requirements.


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