

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

**Facility Name:** Zavala County Jail

**Date:** February 21, 2013

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	135	<p>Dormitories. Dormitories shall contain 9 to 48 bunks. Dormitories shall contain not less than 40 square feet of clear floor space for the first bunk plus 18 square feet of clear floor space for each additional bunk. Each dormitory shall have adequate toilets, lavatories, and may include showers. Dormitories with contiguous day rooms in direct supervision facilities may exceed 40% of the facility capacity.</p> <p><b>On day of inspection, it was evident that East &amp; West dorms were occupied above the designed capacity. Both dorms contained at least 7 inmates that did not have assigned bunks and were forced to sleep on mattresses on the floor.</b></p>
2	263	41	<p>Training and Drills. Training of staff for emergency situations shall be provided immediately upon employment and no less than each calendar quarter for all jail personnel to include fire, emergency, evacuation drills, and location and use of equipment.</p> <p><b>On day of inspection, documentation could not be provided to show that all jailers are trained immediately upon employment and no less than each calendar quarter. There is no documentation to support any life safety training for calendar year 2012.</b></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><b>On day of inspection, documentation provided shows that the last annual inspection was completed January 5, 2012, and was not completed by a Certified Fire Inspector as required by Texas Fire Commission.</b></p>
4	263	54	<p>Equipment. All life safety equipment shall be out of reach of inmates or otherwise secured from unauthorized tampering. At least 1 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 1 unit shall be provided for each building of a multibuilding facility and on each floor of a multistory facility.</p> <p><b>On day of inspection, documentation could not be provided to show that any jailer has completed SCBA training for calendar year</b></p>

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5            273            .5(b)    Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted.

**Documentation provided and interview with staff revealed that the Suicide Screening Form is not completed immediately upon intake for all inmates. There are numerous times that inmates are placed in holding or other areas without the suicide screening being performed.**

  
Jimmy Barton-TCJS Inspector