

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name: Swisher County Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.42	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. <u>The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official.</u> The fire marshal inspection was last conducted on September 26, 2018 which places the inspection 14 months overdue.
2	271	(1)(a)(1)(E)	Objective Classification Plan. Each sheriff/operator shall develop and implement an objective classification plan approved by the Commission by January 1, 1997. The plan shall include principles, procedures, instruments and explanations for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs. Plans utilizing an approved objective classification system shall be submitted and approved by the Commission. The following principles and procedures shall be addressed: -Inmates shall be classified and housed in the least restrictive housing available without jeopardizing staff, inmates or the public, utilizing risk factors which include any or all of the following: -Prior convictions. All four inmates in the facility were found to be classified incorrectly.
3	271	(1)(b)(3)	(3) Custody Reassessment/Review. A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status which would affect classification. A documented classification review to determine the necessity for a complete reassessment shall be conducted every 30 - 90 days thereafter. One of the four inmates housed was past the 90 day reassessment period.
4	271	.7	Audit. The plan shall provide that an annual, internal audit shall be conducted on the classification system. Audit records shall be maintained for Commission review. The audit shall assess the following features of the objective classification system: (1) inmates are classified prior to placement in inmate housing; (2) inmates are housed according to their assigned custody levels; (3) the override rate is acceptable; and (4) classification instruments are completed in an accurate and timely manner. A Classification Audit had not been completed during the last 12 months.



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