

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS  
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name: Smith Co. Jail

Date:

June 21-23, 2021

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.50 (a) (5)	<p>New facilities, new additions, and major renovations to existing facilities shall be equipped with an emergency back-up electrical generator designed to operate both manually and automatically upon interruption of the primary electrical power source. The system shall be capable of operating uninterrupted for a minimum period of one and one half hours without refueling. Back-up electrical power shall be provided for necessary equipment and life safety systems including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) emergency illumination systems;</li><li>(2) exit lights;</li><li>(3) smoke management systems;</li><li>(4) fire detection and alarm systems;</li><li>(5) audible communication systems;</li><li>(6) security/control systems;</li><li>(7) normal ventilation systems required for smoke detection.</li></ul> <p><b>During the inspection, the smoke management system at the Smith County Jail failed to operate while under emergency power.</b></p>
2	265	.10	<p>Inmate Property Checking. The receiving officer shall carefully record and store the inmate's property as it is taken. A receipt signed by the receiving officer and the inmate shall be maintained in the inmate's file.</p> <p><b>During the review of inmate files, multiple property records were found to be blank and missing required signatures from the receiving officer and inmate.</b></p>
3	277	.2	<p>A change of clothing shall be furnished at least once a week unless work, climatic conditions, illness, or other factors necessitate more frequent exchange to assure cleanliness.</p> <p><b>During the inspection it was determined that inmates are not provided a change of clothing at least once a week.</b></p>
4	277	.9	<p>Washable items such as sheets, towels, and mattress covers shall be exchanged for clean replacements at least once each week, or more often if necessary.</p> <p><b>During the inspection it was determined that washable items are not exchanged for replacements at least once each week.</b></p>
5	283	.2	<p>A written acknowledgment by the inmate that the rules have been explained shall be retained.</p> <p><b>During the review of inmate files, multiple inmate rules acknowledgement forms were found to be blank and also missing inmate signatures.</b></p>
6	283	.3	<p>Every facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate grievance procedures.</p> <p><b>During the review of inmate grievances, it was determined that inmate grievances are not handled in accordance with the approved grievance plan.</b></p>

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