

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

Facility Name: Yoakum County Jail

December 7, 2021

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.41	<p><u>Training and Drills.</u> 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>Quarterly Fire/SCBA/Life Safety Training was not completed for 1 (one) jailer, and 4 (four) other jailers had not received raining during one or two quarters of the year.</p>
2	263	.55	<p><u>Inspections, Maintenance, Testing.</u> All life safety equipment shall be <u>inspected</u>, maintained, and <u>tested</u> 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>Weekly and monthly generator testing was not documented during the majority of the year. All facility fire extinguisher inspections expired on November 30, 2021.</p>
3	265	.3	<p><u>Observation During Holding.</u> Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p>Staff exceeded the 30 minute face-to-face observation checks from anywhere between 1 minute up to 10 minutes in holding and detox cells.</p>
4	275	.1	<p><u>Regular Observation by Jailers.</u> Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes.</p> <p>Staff exceeded the 60 minute face-to-face observation checks from anywhere between 1 minute up to 12 minutes.</p>
5	279	.1(1)	<p><u>Sanitation Plan.</u> Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, reviewed and approved by the commission, for the maintenance of an <u>acceptable level of cleanliness and sanitation throughout the facility.</u> Such plan shall provide for: <u>A regular daily schedule for the work and inspections necessary to keep the facility clean; which schedule shall be assigned and supervised by corrections officers who have the responsibility for keeping the facility clean and making regular sanitation inspections.</u></p> <p>During the walk through of the facility the following sanitation issues were noted: The kitchen area was found to be dirty with food observed to be dried onto appliances, as well as found on the floor and the inmate tray carrier/food cart. In the facility laundry, the dryer was found to have a large amount of lint in the lint trap. Cell #104 was found to have a large amount of black substance on the shower walls.</p>
6	279	.1(5)	<p><u>Sanitation Plan.</u> Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, reviewed and approved by the commission, for the maintenance of an acceptable level of cleanliness and sanitation throughout the facility. Such plan shall provide for: <u>The maintenance of toilets, lavatories, showers, and other equipment throughout the facility in good working order.</u></p>

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During the walk through of the inmate housing areas the following plumbing issues were noted: Cell #101 had low water pressure in the sink. Cell #103 had no hot water in the sink. Cells #117 and #169 each had a lower shower spout (ADA) that did not work.

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