

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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The Honorable Chris Porter
Gray County Judge
205 N. Russell
Pampa, TX 79065

and

Sheriff Michael Ryan
Gray County Sheriff
218 N. Russell
Pampa, TX 79065

Dear Judge Porter and Sheriff Ryan,

Pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 511.011 and Title 37, Texas Administrative Code (Chapter 297, Section 5, Texas Minimum Jail Standards), you are hereby notified that the jail in your county fails to comply with minimum standards established under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Chapter 351, and the rules of this Commission, and that appropriate corrective measures must be initiated. A reasonable completion date for corrective measures should be set. Failure to initiate appropriate corrective action may cause a remedial order to be issued and enforced, or other appropriate action taken. **In accordance with Chapter 297, Section 6, Texas Minimum Jail Standards, please notify this agency in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice as to actions initiated.**

The attached page(s) indicate minimum standards violated, corrective measures required, and date by which corrective measures must be initiated. Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on August 23, 2022. detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 29th day of August 2022
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By Brandon S. Wood
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Jason Jouett, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Gray County Jail

Date: August 23, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews. Deficiencies noted - See report 1.) <u>Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of Fire Drill/SCBA training it was determined staff did not document training during the 2nd quarter of CY22. Staff were instructed to ensure training is completed once per calendar quarter in accordance with minimum jail standards. Follow-up required - Staff will scan and email this inspector documentation indicating staff have completed training for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022. 2.) <u>Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of life safety documentation it was determined quarterly fire prevention documentation was not completed during the last 12 months. Staff were instructed, they shall complete a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter, in accordance with minimum jail standards. Staff were instructed to begin utilizing the form immediately. <u>Follow-up required</u> - Staff will scan and email this inspector copies of completed quarterly fire prevention checklists for the next 90 days. 3.) <u>Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of the Ansul Hood system inspection documentation, it was determined the inspection was last conducted on October 15, 2021. This placed the inspection overdue by 4 months. Staff were advised the Ansul Hood system shall be serviced and inspected every 6 months per NFPA rules and regulations. <u>Follow-up required</u> - Staff were able to contact Fire Hawk Safety Systems Inc., and arranged for the inspection to be conducted on August 31, 2022. <u>Follow-up required</u> - Staff will scan and email this inspector a copy of the completed inspection by September 15, 2022.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 7 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 2 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation. ***Inspectors note*** The new administration was advised to review and update all operational plans and submit to the Commission for review.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 6 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff.

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273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 10 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy. <u>Deficiencies noted- see report. Technical assistance provided</u> - 1.) <u>Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of medication administration records (MARS), this inspector was unable on several occasions, to verify the medication was distributed to each inmate as ordered by the prescribing physician. It was determined the documentation was not consistently broken down to list when the inmate received or refused each individual medication prescribed. It was recommended that the MARS form be updated to reflect when each medication prescribed has been accepted or refused by the inmate. <u>Follow-up required</u> - Staff will scan and email this inspector a copy of the new facility approved MARS sheet as soon as it completed. The Jail Administrator and Nurse Practitioner will conduct training with all Jailers who distribute inmate medication. A copy of the training roster shall be scanned and emailed to this inspector by October 23, 2022. Staff will scan and email this inspector copies of completed MARS sheets every Friday for the next 60 days. 2.) <u>Technical assistance provided</u> - During the review of restraint logs, it was determined that staff exceeded the 15 minute observation checks required by jail standards by 1 to 10 minutes on multiple occasions. <u>Follow-up action required</u> - Administration will conduct training with staff on the use of restraints and necessary documentation associated with utilizing the restraint log. Administration will provide documentation of use of restraint training and also provide copies of restraint logs to this inspector for the next 60 days.
273	Health Services cont'd	<u>Deficiency noted. Technical Assistance provided</u> - Upon receipt of the Texas Ranger's investigative report for a custodial death that occurred in June 2021, it was determined that the intake jailer advised the Ranger that the inmate was under the influence of methamphetamine upon booking, but this was not noted on the screening form for suicide and medical/mental/developmental impairments. Additionally, the Ranger's report indicated that the jailer believed he had marked 'yes' to the question 'does the inmate appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs?', but the form was marked 'no'. Finally, the jailer stated he did not ask the inmate all the questions on the screening form for suicide and medical/mental/developmental impairments. <u>Follow-up required</u> - Administration will conduct training with staff on the proper completion of the screening form for suicide and medical/mental/developmental impairments and provide documentation of this training to this inspector within the next 30 days.
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random selection of 15 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff.
277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.
279	Sanitation	Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 2 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 10 inmate grievance/complaints. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates.
285	Exercise	Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates.
287	Education/Library	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
289	Work Assignments	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.1	Telephone	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.2	Correspondence	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.3	Commissary	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.4	Visitation	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.5	Religious Practices	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
xxx	Variances	Not applicable.

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xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ inquiries are being submitted through TLETS as required.

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE GRAY COUNTY JAIL

August 29, 2022

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on August 23, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
263.41	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. No Jailers received required training during the 2nd quarter of 2022.	Upon receipt of this notice.
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. Quarterly fire prevention checklist was not completed during the last 12 months.	Upon receipt of this notice.
NFPA 7.3.2	A service technician who has the applicable manufacture's design, installation, and maintenance manual and service bulletins shall service the wet chemical fire extinguishing systems at intervals of no more than 6 months. The facility "Ansul" fire suppression system located above the kitchen range, was last serviced, and inspected on October 15, 2021. This placed the inspection overdue by 4 months.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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- 273.3 Health Instructions: All medical instructions of designated physicians shall be followed. **Inspector could not verify that medication was consistently administered to inmates as ordered by the physician.** Upon receipt of this notice.
- 273.5(b) Screening instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted. **Upon review of an outside law enforcement agency's investigative report for a custodial death that occurred in June 2021, it was determined that jail personnel failed to ask the inmate all the questions on the screening form for suicide and medical/mental/developmental impairments.** Upon receipt of this notice.
- 273.6(3) Restraints. Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves, or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure. A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities. **Restraint chair logs indicated staff exceeded the required 15-minute observation checks by 1 to 10 minutes on multiple occasions.** Upon receipt of this notice.