

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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February 27, 2023

The Honorable Robert Bridges  
Red River County Judge  
400 North Walnut St., Ste. 1  
Clarksville, TX 75426-3022

and

Sheriff James Caldwell  
Red River County Sheriff  
500 N. Cedar Street  
Clarksville, TX 75426-2702

Dear Judge Bridges and Sheriff Caldwell,

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 February 27, 2023 detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 27th day of February 2023  
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

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# Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Red River County Jail

Clarksville, Texas

February 23, 2023

Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

- ☐ The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

- ☐ This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

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Michael Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

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cc: Judge  
Sheriff

Individuals and/or entities regulated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards shall direct all complaints regarding the commission procedures and functions to the Executive Director at: P.O. Box 12985 Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-5505 Fax (512) 463-3185 or at our agency website at [www.tcjs.state.tx.us](http://www.tcjs.state.tx.us).

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW**

  
Michael Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

Facility Red River County Jail

Date: February 23, 2023

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. <b>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided - 1) For the fourth quarter of 2022, there were two staff members who were not provided quarterly life safety training as required by minimum jail standards. 2) The facility was last inspected by local fire official on January 22, 2023, placing the annual inspection past due by one month. Follow-up action required - 1) Administration will complete life safety training for the first and second quarters of 2023. Once complete, administration will scan and email the completed life safety training to this inspector. 2) Upon completion, administration will scan and email a copy of the facility annual inspection by a local fire official.</b>
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 6 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy. <b>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided - 1) Observation records reviewed for holding and detox cells showed that required 30 minute observations of inmates in holding and detox cells were routinely exceeded by 1 minute to 1 hour 35 minutes. 2) A log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release has not been maintained for the preceding two months. Follow-up action required - 1) Administration will scan and email observation checks of holding and detox cells for the next 60 days to this inspector. 2) Administration will scan and email the VRSS log of positive responses to this inspector weekly for the next 60 days for review.</b>
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 3 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 6 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 6 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy. <b>Deficiency noted, see report - Technical assistance provided - 1) Staff, on multiple occasions failed to complete the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical / Mental / Developmental Impairments in its entirety. Missing information on the form includes dates/times the form was completed, name of staff completing the form, comments for affirmative answers, date and time of magistrate notification and supervisor signatures. 2) During the review of inmate medical files, it was determined that staff failed to notify the magistrate within 12 hrs. on multiple occasions when warranted by affirmative answers on the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical / Mental / Developmental Impairments and positive returns on CCQ checks. Issues were addressed with administration. 3) During the review of suicide training, it was determine that all staff have not completed at least 4 hours of suicide training in accordance with the approved operational plan. 4) During the review of restraint documentation for the restraint chair, the restraint chair was used only one time for approximately one hour. Documented observations of the inmate where not conducted for approximately one hour while in the restraint chair.</b>
273	Health Services (cont.)	<b>Follow-up action required - 1 &amp; 2) Administration will conduct documented training with staff on completing the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical / Mental / Developmental Impairments in it's entirety and notifying the magistrate in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22. Training is to be conducted within the next 30 days and training rosters are to be scanned and emailed to this inspector. Administration will also scan and email screening forms and magistrate notifications for the next 30 to 60 days to this inspector. 3) Administration will ensure that staff who have not completed the 4 hours of suicide training, complete the training within the next 30 days. Proof of training completion will be scanned and emailed to this inspector upon completion. 4) Administration will conduct documented training with staff on the use of the restraint chair and the requirements of documented 15 min observations while restrained. Training is be conducted within the next 30 days and training documentation will be scanned and emailed to this inspector.</b>

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275	Supervision	Reviewed a random sample of 10 jailer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff. <b>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided - 1) During the review of licensing for Red River County staff, it was noted that multiple employees who hold temporary jailers licenses, had not completed required basic training for full licensure. Specifically, 5 employees were found with temporary licenses dating from March 22, 2022 to November 8, 2022 who had not completed a basic county corrections course. Administration was ask to provide documentation showing that the five employees were enrolled in a basic jailer licensing course on or before the 90th day after their temporary appointment. Administration advised that the five staff members had not been registered for a basic county corrections course to date. Issue was addressed with administration that employees licensed as a temporary jailer, must be enrolled in a basic jailer licensing course on or before the 90th day after their appointment. 2) Observation records reviewed during the inspection showed that observation checks for areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined exceeded the required 30 minute observation period by 1 to 49 minutes on a routine basis.</b>
275	Supervision	<b>Follow-up action required - 1) Administration will ensure that the five employees are enrolled in a basic licensing course within the next 30 days. Administration will scan and email proof of registration to this inspector. Furthermore, administration will ensure that employees licensed as a temporary jailer are enrolled in a basic licensing course on or before the 90th day after their temporary appointment. 2) Administration will scan and email observation checks of areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined for the next 60 days to this inspector.</b>
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 0 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.***None on file
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 20 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.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ inquiries are being submitted through TLETS as required.

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

**Facility Name:** Red River County Jail

**Date:**

February 23, 2023

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.41	<p>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>Records reviewed shows that multiple staff members did not receive required life safety training during the fourth quarter of 2022</b></p>
2	263	.42	<p>The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official who is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or who meets the alternative criteria provided in Government Code 419.909 and shall pass the inspection.</p> <p><b>The facility was last inspected January 22, 2022, placing the annual inspection overdue by 1 month.</b></p>
3	265	.3	<p>Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>Observations of inmates in holding and detoxification cell routinely exceeded the required 30 minute period.</b></p>
4	265	.13©	<p>Each sheriff shall maintain a log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release. If a referral card was not issued, a reason shall be provided on the log.</p> <p><b>A log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release has not been maintained for the preceding two months.</b></p>
5	273	.5(a)(1)	<p>Training. Provisions for staff training (including frequency and duration) on the procedures for recognition, supervision, documentation, and handling of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal. Supplemental training should be provided to those staff members responsible for intake screening</p> <p><b>A review of suicide training revealed that multiple staff members did not complete a least 4 hours of suicide training in accordance with the approved operational plan.</b></p>
6	273	.5(a)(2)	<p>Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials;</p> <p><b>Jail staff on multiple occasions failed to notify the magistrate within 12 hrs. in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 when warranted by positive returns on the CCQ or affirmative answers on the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments.</b></p>
7	273	.5(b)	<p>Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted.</p> <p><b>While reviewing medical files, it was determined that jail staff are not filling out the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments in its entirety.</b></p>

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8      273      .6(3)      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

**Documented 15 minute observations of an inmate restrained in the restraint chair were not conducted.**

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE RED RIVER COUNTY JAIL

February 27, 2023

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on February 23, 2023, 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	<p>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>Records reviewed shows that multiple staff members did not receive required life safety training during the fourth quarter of 2022.</b></p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
263.42	<p>The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official who is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or who meets the alternative criteria provided in Government Code 419.909 and shall pass the inspection.</p> <p><b>The facility was last inspected January 22, 2022, placing the annual inspection overdue by 1 month.</b></p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
265.3	<p>Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>Observations of inmates in holding and detoxification cell routinely exceeded the required 30 minute period.</b></p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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Each sheriff shall maintain a log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release. If a referral card was not issued, a reason shall be provided on the log.

Upon receipt of this notice.

**A log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release has not been maintained for the preceding two months.**

273.5(a)(1)

Training. Provisions for staff training (including frequency and duration) on the procedures for recognition, supervision, documentation, and handling of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal. Supplemental training should be provided to those staff members responsible for intake screening.

Upon receipt of this notice.

**A review of suicide training revealed that multiple staff members did not complete a least 4 hours of suicide training in accordance with the approved operational plan.**

273.5(a)(2)

Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials.

Upon receipt of this notice.

**Jail staff on multiple occasions failed to notify the magistrate within 12 hrs. in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 when warranted by positive returns on the CCQ or affirmative answers on the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments.**

273.5(b)

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

Upon receipt of this notice.

**While reviewing medical files, it was determined that jail staff are not filling out the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments in its entirety.**



273.6(3)

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.

**Documented 15 minute observations of an inmate restrained in the restraint chair were not conducted.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**

275.1

Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.

**Observations on inmates in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined routinely exceeded the required 30 minutes time frame.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**

275.2

Personnel employed or appointed as jailers of county jails or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title. Personnel employed or appointed as jailers or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers at facilities operated under vendor contract with a county or city shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title.

**During the review of staff licensing, it was determined that five staff members appointed as temporary jailers were not registered for a basic licensing course on or before the 90th day after appointment.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**