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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on August 13-18, 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
259 .138(a)	<p>Holding Cells - One or more holding cells shall be provided to hold inmates pending intake, processing, release, or other reasons for temporary holding. Inmates shall not be held for more than 48 hours.</p> <p>During the inspection of the Harris County Jail, it was determined by the inspection team that 10 of 40 inmates reviewed were held in booking longer than 48 hours. The time inmates were held over ranged from less than 1 hour up 2 days.</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</p>
275.1	<p>Regular Observation by Corrections Officers - Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. 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.</p> <p>60-minute observations of inmates were routinely exceeded by staff anywhere from 1 minute to 1 hour 18 minutes. Additionally, observation records for areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined were routinely exceeded by staff anywhere from 1 minute to 2 hours 38 minutes.</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</p>

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Staff - Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes. Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions.

After reviewing staffing rosters and during the walkthrough Inspectors determined that staffing did not meet the minimum requirement of 1 officer to every 48 inmates at both 710 San Jacinto and 1200 Baker.

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