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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE MARTIN COUNTY JAIL

January 22, 2024

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on January 19, 2024, 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 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 3rd Quarter 2023 life safety training was conducted. 4 Officers did not receive life safety training immediately upon employment.	Upon receipt of this notice.
263.42	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 on Jail Standards, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. 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. No fire prevention checklist was conducted for the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd quarter of 2023.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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263.56

Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.

No weekly run tests or monthly load tests were conducted from June 2, 2023, to October 20, 2023. The facility generator was inoperable for the month of December.

Upon receipt of this notice.

275.1

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. Observations 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.

During a review of the observation logs for the week of September 7-15, 2023, it was determined that on multiple occasions, staff failed to make the face-to-face observations as required. Face-to-face observation times were exceeded by a minimum of 1 minute to a maximum of 60 minutes.

Upon receipt of this notice.