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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE HILL COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on February 8, 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. Life safety training for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2023 was not completed for all staff.	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. Quarterly fire prevention and fire hazard inspections were not conducted for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2023.	Upon receipt of this notice.
263.55	All life safety equipment shall be inspected, maintained, and tested 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. The ansul system in the kitchen was last inspected in March 2023. This places the inspection past due by approximately 10 months.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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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.

During the review of restraint logs, it was determined that staff exceeded the required 15-minute observation checks by 1 to 21 minutes.

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this notice.**

285.1

Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

Documentation reviewed for inmate recreation reviewed during the inspection failed to show that each inmate is allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

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this notice.**