

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL

July 26, 2024

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on July 25, 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	<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>The Inspector discovered that officers were not attending quarterly life safety training as required in 263.41 Minimum Standards.</b></p>	<p><b>Upon receipt of this notice.</b></p>
273.5(a)(2)	<p>Each sheriff/operator shall develop and implement a mental disabilities/suicide prevention plan, in coordination with available medical and mental health officials, approved by the Commission by March 31, 1997. The plan shall address the following principles and procedures: (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;</p> <p><b>During the inspection, it was discovered that staff was not processing the suicide screening forms as outlined in CCP16:22.</b></p>	<p><b>Upon receipt of this notice.</b></p>
275.1	<p>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</p>	<p><b>Upon receipt of this notice.</b></p>

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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. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation. Electronic sensors or cameras capable of recording the required personal observations of inmates in high-risk cells or groups of cells shall be installed no later than August 31, 2020. A review of face to face observations showed that staff had exceeded 30 minute rounds by 1 minute up to 31 minutes.

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