

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

### LEON COUNTY JAIL

March 27, 2025

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on March 26, 2025, 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
283.54	All life safety equipment shall be out of reach of inmates or otherwise secured from unauthorized tampering. At least one self-contained breathing apparatus shall be available and maintained in or near each facility control station. All staff shall be trained and quarterly drills conducted in the use of this equipment. A minimum of one unit shall be provided for each building of a multibuilding facility and on each floor of a multistory facility. <b>Facility staff were unable to properly respond to a conducted fire drill. Staff were unable to utilize the facility SCBA and advised that they have received training in the use of the SCBA.</b>	Upon receipt of this notice.
265.13(a)	Each sheriff/operator shall investigate and verify the veteran status of each prisoner by using data made available from the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) operated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or similar service. <b>During the review of records, it was learned that staff have not verified the veteran status of each prisoner by using data made available from the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) operated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or similar service since November 2024.</b>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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- 279.1(2) water and sewage systems not part of a public system and food preparation areas shall be inspected at least annually by health authorities and record kept for each inspection; **The annual inspection of the facility by health authorities was last conducted January 18, 2024. This places the annual inspection past due by approximately two months.** Upon receipt of this notice.
- 281.5 Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee who possesses a food handler license in accordance with 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §228.31(d) with a copy available for review. Food shall be served under the immediate supervision of a staff member. Care shall be taken that hot foods are served reasonably warm and that cold foods are served reasonably cold. **At the time of the inspection, only one staff member possessed a valid food handlers license. Additionally, the staff member with a valid food handlers license was not present in the facility on the day of the inspection.** Upon receipt of this notice.
- 285.1 Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate physical exercise and physical recreation. 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. **Recreation documentation reviewed for the month of January 2025 failed to show that inmates are allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week. Additional documentation reviewed for the months of December 2024, February 2025 and March 2025 also failed to show that inmates are allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.** Upon receipt of this notice.