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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE LIBERTY COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on September 15, 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
259.157	Doors to single cells, multiple occupancy cells, dormitories, and day rooms shall be capable of being locked and unlocked individually by control means located remote from the cell area. Single cells with contiguous day room and separation cells which open directly on an exiting corridor are exempt from this requirement. All remote door controls shall be secure. At the time of the inspection Liberty County could only open doors on the west end of the jail using remote control. The rest had to be keyed.	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. The most recent inspection performed by the local Fire Marshal listed deficiencies and was listed as failed inspection.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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263.55	<p>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.</p> <p>The fire panel had 123 trouble codes listed at the time of the inspection.</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</p>
273.5	<p>(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>Liberty County was not processing the results of the suicide screening forms as required of CCP 16.22.</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</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 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.</p> <p>On the East end, Two-way voice communication could not be achieved through the intercom system.</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</p>
279.3	<p>Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.</p> <p>The inspector observed damaged or inoperable light fixtures.</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</p>
279.1(1)	<p>Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, reviewed and approved by the commission, for the maintenance of an acceptable level of cleanliness and sanitation throughout the facility. Such plan shall provide for:</p>	<p>Upon receipt of this notice.</p>

(1) a regular daily schedule for the work and inspections necessary to keep the facility clean; which schedule shall be assigned and supervised by jailers who have the responsibility for keeping the facility clean and making regular sanitation inspections;

Housing units were observed with graffiti on the walls, along with missing tiles in the showers.

