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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE SAN SABA COUNTY JAIL

July 2, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued July 2, 2026, 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
261.143(b)	(b) Toilets and Lavatories. Detention type toilets and lavatories shall be provided in cells and day rooms. In direct supervision living areas, they shall be constructed in such manner and of such material so as to resist vandalism. Based on design capacity, each cell and day room shall provide one toilet and lavatory capable of providing drinking water for each group or increment of 12 inmates. The water to the building has been turned off, rendering it impossible to verify that 261.143 is being met. At the time of inspection, water was not available as required.	Upon receipt of this notice.
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 training or drills were conducted in the fourth quarter of 2025 or the first and second quarter of 2026.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas

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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.

Upon receipt of this notice.

The facility was last inspected by a fire official on 12-14-24, making the facility out of compliance by 1 year and 6 months.

263.50

(a) New facilities, new additions, and major renovations to existing facilities shall be equipped with an emergency back-up electrical generator designed to operate both manually and automatically upon interruption of the primary electrical power source. The system shall be capable of operating uninterrupted for a minimum period of one and one-half hours without refueling. Back-up electrical power shall be provided for necessary equipment and life safety systems including, but not limited to:

Upon receipt of this notice.

On the day of inspection the generator failed to start.

263.56

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

Upon receipt of this notice.

The weekly and monthly tests have not been conducted since September of 2025.