



# Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Bexar County Jail

San Antonio, Texas

February 13-17, 2017

Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

- ☐ The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

- ☒ This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

Authenticated:

*Phillip Bosquez*  
Phillip Bosquez, TCJS Inspector

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cc: Judge  
Sheriff

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# ANNUAL JAIL REPORT

County: <u>Bexar</u>	
Sheriff: <u>Javier Salazar</u> email: <u>j.salazar@bexar.org</u>	Judge: <u>Nelson Wolff</u> email: <u>n.wolff@bexar.org</u>
Jail Administrator: <u>Bobby Hogeland</u> email: <u>b.hogeland@bexar.org</u>	Inspector: <u>Phillip Bosquez</u>

Last Inspection March 7-11, 2016 Compliant Yes Inspection Date(s) February 13-17, 2017  
 Remedial Order N/A Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reportable Incidents**  
(Previous 12 month History)

**Fires** 1  
**Deaths** 5  
**Suicides** 5

**Escapes** 0  
 Walkaway 0  
 Secured 0

AT Contract Inmates Housed  
 Kames Co. Regional Det. Ctr. 13  
 County2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date Plans Approved February 4, 2013

1. **Facility Name** Bexar County Jail  
 Address 200 N. Comal St. San Antonio Tx Zip Code 78207  
 Phone # (210) 335-6219 Fax # (210) 335-6199  
 Built 1988 Renovated 1996 Addition 1996  
 Type Max Number of Variances 8

Drill Time 1min37sec  
 Facility Capacity 2830  
 Average Daily Population 2412  
 Housing Total this Date 2378  
 Holding Total this Date 71

2. **Facility Name** Bexar County Jail Annex  
 Address 200 N. Comal St. San Antonio Tx Zip Code 78207  
 Phone # (210) 335-2666 Fax# (210) 335-2495  
 Built 1993 Renovated N/A Addition 2001 & 2008  
 Type Min/Med/Max Number of Variances 4

Drill Time 1min30sec  
 Facility Capacity 1733  
 Average Daily Population 1360  
 Housing Total this Date 1317  
 Holding Total this Date N/A

3. **Facility Name** Bexar County Justice Center (Court Holding)  
 Address 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, Tx Zip Code 78207  
 Phone # (210) 335-2666 Fax # (210) 335-2677  
 Built 1991 Renovated N/A Addition 2012  
 Type Court Holding Number of Variances 0

Drill Time 1min36sec  
 Facility Capacity 289  
 Average Daily Population N/A  
 Housing Total this Date N/A  
 Holding Total this Date 133

<p><b>Housing Capacity</b> <u>4563</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cells</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sep Cells <u>11</u></td> <td><u>11</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single Cells <u>372</u></td> <td><u>372</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.O. Cells <u>1037</u></td> <td><u>2202</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dorms <u>40</u></td> <td><u>1978</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neg Press Cells <u>0</u></td> <td><u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medical Cells <u>52</u></td> <td><u>52</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>Notes: Negative Pressure Cells and medical Cells are in the above count Sep. Dorms area.</small></p>	Cells	Capacity	Sep Cells <u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	Single Cells <u>372</u>	<u>372</u>	M.O. Cells <u>1037</u>	<u>2202</u>	Dorms <u>40</u>	<u>1978</u>	Neg Press Cells <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Medical Cells <u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<p><b>Holding Capacity</b> <u>432</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cells</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Holding Cells <u>43</u></td> <td><u>432</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detoxification Cells <u>0</u></td> <td><u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Violent Cells <u>2</u></td> <td><u>2</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Construction Security Level</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Minimum Capacity</td> <td><u>236</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium Capacity</td> <td><u>1560</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum Capacity</td> <td><u>2767</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cells	Capacity	Holding Cells <u>43</u>	<u>432</u>	Detoxification Cells <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Violent Cells <u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Minimum Capacity	<u>236</u>	Medium Capacity	<u>1560</u>	Maximum Capacity	<u>2767</u>	<p><b>Females</b> <u>606</u> (Female Population Today)</p> <p># of Cells <u>17</u>              # of Bunks <u>709</u></p> <p><b>Contract Inmates</b>              100 + Capacity (30% + Non - TX)  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Population: **Housing** 3697 **Hold/Detox/Violent** 204 **Total System Population** 3901  
(During Inspection)  
 Total Inspection Time 53 hours **Total Average Daily Population** 3584.00

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Jail Administrator: [Signature] Interview with Court Representative ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Assistant Jail Administrator: [Signature] FEB 21 2017  
 Commissioner's Court Representative: [Signature]  
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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

  
Phillip Bosquez, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Bexar County Jail

Date: February 13-17, 2017

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility. <u>Technical assistance provided.</u> During the walk-through of the main jail, several control room / unit picket doors were unsecured. Some doors were open to hallways where inmates are moved through, other doors are open to inmate day rooms. The administration was advised that control room doors must be secured to protect inmates from one another, protect staff and visitors from inmates and deter or prevent escapes. This issue was corrected on-site. <u>Follow-up action: This issue will be monitored during follow-up stopby visits to the facility by commission staff.</u>
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy. <u>Technical assistance provided.</u> During the course of the walk-through of the Main Jail Laundry Area, this inspector observed improper strip searches. The staff have groups of inmate workers strip down completely nude to change out of work clothing. Staff explained that to prevent any chemicals that may have transferred onto inmate's clothes during work assignment they are changed into clean clothes before being returned to living areas. This inspector advised administration that the strip search shall be conducted in a reasonable and dignified manner and place. While the reason for the strip is understandable and justified for the safety and security of the inmates and staff, the manner it is being conducted does not comply with the standards. Civilian staff of the opposite gender to the inmates had been sent to another area of the laundry and had no direct line of sight to the inmates. Administration was advised that the inmates should be supervised in a restroom or change out room and not strip searched in mass in the open area of the laundry facility. <u>Follow-up action: This inspector will follow-up during the next 30 to 90 days in order to monitor procedures at facility.</u>
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 15 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 50 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 50 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy.
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random selection of 350 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff.
277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.

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279	Sanitation	<p>Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. <u>Technical assistance provided.</u> This inspector identified a large number of maintenance issues in the Main Jail and the Annex Buildings. The kitchen in the annex had the following identifiable issues: multiple floor drains clogged and standing water, floor drains with missing covers and floor drains with non-secured covers. The kitchen had bad sanitation practices such as storing beverage containers on plywood sheets. The plywood soaked up fluid due to its porous nature and it can't be sanitized.</p> <p>Both facilities were consistent with all of the following maintenance issues: Toilets were found inoperable and many with active leaks. The toilet leaks let water into inmate living areas causing unsanitary conditions. Several pipe chases had standing water, due to broken valves, cracked toilets and leaking pipes. The standing water in the chases and day room wet areas was providing breeding area for gnats. The showers and sinks had leaks throughout both facilities, most were slow drips but still kept areas wet. The Main Jail was missing numerous door stops for the detention doors in inmate living units. The Main Jail also had numerous security / night lights that were inoperable which put the cell into complete darkness when inmates switched off cell light. This inspector advised administration that a more aggressive preventive maintenance program needed to be put in place immediately. Also, issues such as inoperable toilets and showers needed to be prioritized over minor issues. <u>Follow-up action: These issues will be closely monitored during subsequent stop by inspections. Failure to resolve the outstanding issues that were not corrected during the annual inspection will lead to the issuance of a notice of non-compliance.</u></p>
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 25 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 40 inmate grievance/complaints. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates.
285	Exercise	Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates.
287	Education/Library	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
289	Work Assignments	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.1	Telephone	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.2	Correspondence	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.3	Commissary	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.4	Visitation	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.5	Religious Practices	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
xxx	Variances	Reviewed facility variances.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ inquiries are being submitted through TLETS as required.

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