

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Pecos Co. Jail

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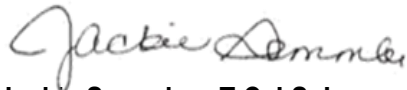
September 20, 2016

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	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>Jailers are required to receive training for emergency situations, drill and the location and use of life safety equipment immediately upon employment. A review of the training logs indicated that Jailer Donnie Delacruz was appointed a temporary license on April 4, 2016 and did not receive training until May 18, 2016</p>
2	263	.42	<p>The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official.</p> <p>On the day of inspection, maintenance could not provide documentation to verify when the court holding cells were last inspected by a certified fire inspector.</p>
3	265	.13	<p>(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.</p> <p>(b) Each sheriff/ operator shall provide assistance to prisoners identified as veterans, identified through either self-report or the VRSS, in applying for federal benefits or compensation for which the prisoners may be eligible under a program administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Assistance includes, but not limited to, direct assistance by qualified claims counselor, issuance of a referral card, or similar assistance.</p> <p>(c) Each sheriff shall maintain a log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release. If a referral card was not issued, a reason shall be provided on the log.</p> <p>On the day of inspection, this inspector requested to see the log to verify that a report is sent to the Veteran's Reentry Service System as required by jail standards. The jail administrator stated that she has not been able to send a report. This inspector provided her with the information to submit the report manually and made contact with a county to assist her with submitting the reports via the software they are currently using.</p>
4	273	.5(a)(1)	<p>273.5 (a) 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:</p> <p>(1) Training. Provisions for staff training (including frequency and duration) on the procedures for recognition, supervision, documentation, and handling of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal. Supplemental training should be provided to those staff members responsible for intake screening.</p> <p>Jailers are not receiving suicide prevention training in accordance with the approved operational plan. The approved operation plan states that jailers will receive training for 3 hours every quarter and the training is not occurring.</p>

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5 275 .2 Personnel employed or appointed as jailers of county jails or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title. Personnel employed or appointed as jailers or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers at facilities operated under vendor contract with a county or city shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title.

Jailers are required to have a temporary license issue by TCOLE prior to working in the jail. After reviewing documentation it was determined that Donnie Dominguez first day of employment was on March 14, 2016 but he did not have a temporary license as required.



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