

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

Facility Name: Trinity County Jail

Date:

September 16, 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>During the review of the life safety documentation this inspector found that Jailer Tiffani English did not receive life safety training upon employment as required by minimum jail standards. The administration will ensure all new jailers receive life safety training immediately upon employment as required.</p>
2	265	.1	<p>The receiving officer shall carefully record and store the inmate's property as it is taken. A receipt signed by the receiving officer and the inmate shall be maintained in the inmate's file. In the event an inmate refuses to sign the property receipt, the receiving officer, with a witness present, shall note the refusal and sign the receipt.</p> <p>During the review of the inmate files this inspector found that the inmates in all 7 files reviewed did not sign the property inventory. All jailers will be re-trained regarding the proper documentation of property inventory.</p>
3	265	.13(a)	<p>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>During the review of the VRSS documentation this inspector found that the facility was not verifying the veteran status of inmates as required by minimum jail standards utilizing the veteran database.</p>
4	271	.1(b)(2)	<p>Initial Custody Assessment. To be completed on all newly admitted inmates prior to housing assignments to determine custody levels.</p> <p>During the documentation review this inspector found that an inmate had been housed before the completion of his initial custody assessment.</p>
5	271	.3	<p>Training. The plan shall provide that all staff whose duties include classification, shall undergo at least four hours of training on the principles, procedures and instruments for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs.</p> <p>During the documentation review this inspector found that Jailer Tiffani English did not receive the required 4 hour classification as required by minimum jail standards as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
6	275	.2	<p>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.</p> <p>During the review of the officer TCOLE licenses this inspector found that Jailer Tiffani English had been working the floor without a license since 8/1/2016.</p>

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7 275 .4 Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision.

During the review of the staffing documentation this inspector found that the facility did not maintain its 1:48 officer to inmate ratio as required by minimum jail standards due to an unlicensed jailer working the floor.

8 283 .2 Every facility shall have prescribed rules and regulations governing inmate conduct. A copy of the institutional rules and regulations shall be made available to each inmate and read to illiterate inmates. A written acknowledgment by the inmate that the rules have been explained shall be retained.

During the review of the inmate files this inspector found that inmates were not signing the necessary documentation acknowledging explanation of the jail's inmate


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