

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

Facility Name: Yoakum County Jail

November 17, 2016

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.41	<p>Training and Drills. 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>After reviewing life safety training records it was determined that Sandi Anderson, Ben Perez, Maria Reyna, Jason Fann and Rachelle Mayfield did not receive life safety training for the 3rd quarter of 2016. Robert Whitfield is assigned to patrol but also covers shift in the jail and has not received life safety training. Whitfield received training prior to the close of the inspection.</p>
2	263	.50(a)(5)(6)	<p>(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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(5) audible communication systems;(6) security/control systems; <p>The door control and intercoms are not operable on emergency power. The UPS backup also failed to work as designed.</p>
3	263	.51	<p>(a) General. Jails shall have a sufficient means of managing smoke from a fire to permit orderly movement of inmates from the area of a fire incident. Smoke management shall limit the exposure of staff to untenable conditions when responding to a fire emergency. The means of smoke management shall be a combination of compartmentation, control of smoke migration from the affected area, and means of removing smoke to the exterior of the building. The smoke management system shall include the consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(3) automatic and manual smoke control system activation;(6) movement of inmates from affected area to an area of safety;(7) containment of smoke to space of fire origin;(8) automatic and manual removal of smoke. <p>The smoke management system failed to work as designed. The facility was placed on 15-minute fire watches.</p>
4	263	.55	<p>Inspections, Maintenance, Testing. 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>There is no documentation to verify that the SCBA's have been inspected by persons qualified to do so in accordance with minimum jail standards.</p>
5	263	.56	<p>Testing Emergency Power Equipment. Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p>It was determined that there is no documentation to verify that the emergency power equipment was tested in accordance with minimum jail standards from October 16, 2016 to November 12, 2016. It was also determined that a load transfer to the circuits was not conducted in August 2016.</p>
6	265	.3	<p>Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p>Staff exceeded the required 30 minute observations in detox and holding by 10-14 minutes on numerous occasions.</p>

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7 271 .1(b)(3) (3) Custody Reassessment/Review. A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status which would affect classification. A documented classification review to determine the necessity for a complete reassessment shall be conducted every 30 - 90 days thereafter.

After reviewing classification files, it was determined the jailers are not reassessing inmates every 90 days in accordance with the facilities approved operation plan.

8 273 .5(b) Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted.


Staff failed to complete a screening form immediately upon intake for an inmate that was booked into the facility on 8/10/2016.

9 275 .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.

Ensure that all jailers are licensed in accordance with TCOLE requirements. After reviewing licensing for jailers it was determined that Rachelle Mayfield was issued a temporary jailers license on 8/10/2013. It was determined that she had completed the jailer's course and passed the exam on March 6, 2014 but the jailer's license was never issued. Officer Mayfield has been taken off the schedule until the L1 has been approved and the jailer license issued.

10 279 .3 Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

The locking mechanism for the door to Holding Cell 142 does not work remotely, only manually.


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