

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

Facility Name: Wise County Jail


Date: April 21, 2017

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.55	<p>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>During the walk-through, the inspection team observed the fire panel was showing trouble and unable to reset back to normal. The trouble was identified as cell 5220. The administration explained that the fire company had removed a smoke detector and replaced with heat detector while parts were ordered which was over a month ago. The inspection team removed the cell from use and had the inmates moved to another cell pending the replacement of the detector head.</p>
2	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>During the review of face-to-face observations for inmates in Holding / Detox Cells, a clear pattern was identified of staff going over the 30 minute time requirement. The overages ranged from 1 minute to 14 minutes in the documentation reviewed. In several cases, the documentation was illegible and a clear time could not be determined. Technical assistance was provide on both of these exact issues during last year's annual inspection.</p>
3	273	.5	<p>(b) Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted.</p> <p>During the review of inmate health files, it was determined that the forms were not completed in their entirety in that the required notification to a magistrate or a mental health professional was not documented on the form. The time and date boxes were left blank. Also, in many cases, the CCQ Match box was also left blank when it should have been filled in due to a match. The team was able to review supporting documentation that in most cases the notifications were completed, but not all. This documentation was in the form of a separate magistrate notification letter. The medical department also keeps a separate log where all positive CCQ's generate a notification to mental health. Due to missing magistrate letters as well as no documentation on the screening form, the inspection team was unable to verify a magistrate was notified as required. Technical assistance was provided over some of these very same issues during last year's annual jail inspection.</p>

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- 4 275 .1 Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.
- Staff was not conducting face-to-face observations of all inmates no less than once every 60 minutes as required. Staff was also not conducting observations at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. The overages ranged from 1 to 15 minutes past the requirement in both areas.**
- 5 279 .3 Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.
- During the walk-through of the facility, excess build-up of garbage was seen in the inmate housing areas that needed to be removed. Most cells had converted commissary food packaging into shades covering light fixtures and air vents. Also, water temperatures in a couple cells were below the required range outlined in standards.**


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