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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE POLK COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on May 20, 2024, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
273.5.2	(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: (2) Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials; The Inspector found that magistrates notification were exceeding the 12-hour requirement as outlined in CCP 1.:22.	Upon receipt of this notice.
273.6.3	Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure. (3) A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities. The Inspector found that staff exceeded the 15-minute requirement to observe and document inmates in restraints by 20 to 45 minutes.	Upon receipt of this notice.
275.3	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	Upon receipt of this notice.

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thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. **The Inspector discovered staffing records indicating that the minimum standards of 1 to 48 ratio was unmet.**