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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

TERRELL COUNTY JAIL

September 23, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued September 18, 2026, 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
263.42	Each facility, after consultation with the local fire department or Texas Commission on Fire Protection, shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission on Jail Standards, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official who is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or who meets the alternative criteria provided in Government Code 419.909 and shall pass the inspection. **The facility was last inspected by a local fire official who is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or who meets the alternative criteria provided in Government Code 419.909 on March 25, 2023.**	**Upon receipt of this notice.**
265.13	(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 during intake, prior to housing. (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. (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	**Upon receipt of this notice.**

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	not issued, a reason shall be provided on the log. A report shall be provided to the Texas Veterans Commission of positive identification of veteran status weekly. **The facility was unable to produce paperwork verifying that the Veterans reentry Search Service was conducted.**	
271.1(b)(2)	(2) Initial Custody Assessment. To be completed on all newly admitted inmates prior to housing assignments to determine custody levels. **On one occasion there was no paperwork indicating the initial classification had been completed.**	**Upon receipt of this notice.**
273.5(b)	(b) Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted. **On one occasion there was no screening form in the file.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**
273.5(c)(2)	(2) maintain documentation to be available at the time of inspection showing that information for each inmate designated in paragraph (1) of this subsection was submitted for CCQ/IDD system checks, to include notification to the magistrate and the Local Mental Health Authority or Local Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Authority as per CCP 16.22(a)(1); and **On one occasion the magistrate was not notified as required as a result of affirmative answers on the mental health screening form.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**
273.5(a)(1)	(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; **One officer had not received sucide/mental health training since April of 2024.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**

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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. **The facility had one officer that was supervising inmates with no Jailer License. The officer's temporary license expired in February of 2026.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**
275.6(3)	(3) there shall be regular and irregular searches of the entire facility area for contraband which shall be noted in a permanent facility record; and **On the day of inspection Administration was unable to produce a log of regular and irregular searches.**	**Upon receipt of this notice**

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