



Facility Inspection Report Issued By The Minnesota Department of Corrections Pursuant to MN Statute 241.021, Subdivision 1

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INSPECTION DETAILS FOR:

Carver County Jail

Address: 606 E Fourth Street, Chaska, MN 55318

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Daniel Lipa – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 01/19/2023

Inspection Method: Facility tour, staff and resident interviews, employee and resident file reviews, and related documentation reviews.

Officials Present During Inspection: Assistant Jail Administrator Ben Beyer; Jail Administrator Reed Ashpole; Sergeant Zach Beebe

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Assistant Jail Administrator Ben Beyer; Jail Administrator Reed Ashpole; Sergeant Zach Beebe

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Reed Ashpole; Sheriff Jason Kamerud; County Administrator David Hemze; Regional Manager Dayna Burmeister

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Concerns	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	126	124	1	1	99.21%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	101	100	0	1	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 02/01/2023 **Ends On:** 01/31/2025 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 01/31/2024
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: no approval **Certificate Holder:** Carver County Sheriff's Office
Special Conditions: None.

Approved Capacity Details **Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.*

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	115	90	103.50	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 1**

1. 2911.5000 POST ORDERS; FORMAL INMATE COUNT; WELL-BEING CHECKS. Subpart 5. Well-being.

A facility shall have a system providing for well-being checks of inmates. A written policy and procedure shall provide that all inmates are personally observed by a custody staff person at least once every 30 minutes. Thirty-minute checks should be staggered. If a well-being check does not occur due to an emergency, it must be documented in the jail log and have supervisory review and approval. More frequent observation is required for those inmates of a special need classification who may be harmful to themselves. Examples of inmates of a special need classification include those classified as potentially suicidal, or as mentally ill, or those experiencing withdrawal from drugs or alcohol.

Inspection Findings:

A video review of well-being checks showed mostly, high quality checks within the required timeframe. One video reviewed had multiple well-being checks completed late. When reviewed at the end of the shift, the reviewing Sergeant did not provide notations or an explanation as to why the checks were late.

Corrective Actions:

Complete an audit of one shift of well-being checks for each custody staff over the course of one month. Train all staff on the importance of high quality, timely well-being checks. Remind reviewing Sergeant to provide documentation when late checks are found to have occurred. Forward records of these actions to the Department of Corrections.

Response Needed By: 03/31/2023**Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 1**

1. 2911.5450 DANGEROUS MATERIALS.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that specifies that materials dangerous to either security or safety shall be properly secured. Storage and use of flammable, toxic, and caustic materials must be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of governing jurisdictions. The policy must cover control and use of tools and culinary and medical equipment.

Inspection Findings:

There are potentially hazardous chemicals available to inmate workers in the kitchen. While inmate workers are supervised in the area, the possibility for abuse exists.

Corrective Actions:

The facility should consider a way to secure the chemicals to prevent abuse or switch to dishwashing chemicals that do not pose a potential health threat if abused.

Response Needed By:**Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 1**

1. 2911.5000 POST ORDERS; FORMAL INMATE COUNT; WELL-BEING CHECKS. Subpart 1. Post orders and accountability.

There shall be written orders for every security post that are reviewed annually and updated if necessary. A written policy and procedure shall require that personnel read, sign, and date applicable post orders at least annually, or as needed for new posts or revisions. Medium and large facilities with multiple posts may need to conduct these reviews more often.

Inspection Findings:

Staff indicate that they have reviewed post orders on their daily unit logs, but there is no way to verify that all staff have reviewed the post orders for the posts they have worked within the last year.

Corrective Actions:

It is suggested to utilize a Daily Training Bulletin feature in the policy manual or another training method to verify that each staff has reviewed all of the post orders on an annual basis.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The facility was found to be clean and well maintained. Many additions to the facility help to change the feel from a county jail to a place of rehabilitation. Facility leadership and staff have done a good job of making upgrades to the environment to make it feel like a much newer facility than it is. Due to the age of the facility, there are some issues that are not easily addressable, such as ambulances utilized by the local EMS not being able to fit into the vehicle sally port.

Informal interviews with both staff and inmates made it apparent that there is a high level of professionalism and respect at the facility. Multiple inmates stated that they would have no issues going to staff with any problems that they may encounter.

Carver County has been able to maintain a high level of programming at the facility throughout the COVID pandemic. This is aided by multiple staff overseeing the programs and through community partnerships.

We discussed the process that Carver County has taken to ensure adequate well-being checks are being conducted. This seems to have been effective as the majority of well-being checks were of high quality, however one check was found to be out of compliance on multiple occasions. Carver County will have to find ways to increase buy-in from their staff to these new initiatives.

It is of note that staff from the Carver County Jail were awarded Correctional Officer of the Year and Jail Administrator of the Year by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association this year.

Due to a high level of compliance, the Carver County Jail will remain on a biennial inspection cycle.

JJDPA Compliance

The Carver County Jail has a co-located juvenile facility. Due to the fact the county has a juvenile facility located within the county, the Carver County Jail does not have juvenile holding approval.

The Carver County jail did not hold any juveniles within the jail from October 1, 2022 to the date of this inspection.

Based on these facts and documentation that were reviewed, there were no violations found of the JJDP Act during the Carver County Jail inspection.

Report completed By: Daniel Lipa – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

