



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:

Dakota County Jail

Address: 1580 W Highway 55, PO BOX 247-J, Hastings, MN 55033

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Inspected on: 07/14/2021 to 07/21/2021

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator James Gabriel; Lieutenant Ben Verby

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Lieutenant Ben Verby

Issued Inspection Report to: Commander Dan Scheuermann; Jail Administrator James Gabriel; Lieutenant Ben Verby; Sheriff Tim Leslie; County Administrator Matt Smith; 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	123	121	1	1	99.19%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	99	99	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: conditional approval **Begins On:** 08/01/2021 **Ends On:** 07/31/2023 **Facility Type:** Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 07/31/2022

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: no approval **Certificate Holder:** Dakota 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	263	95	249.85	None.	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 review of video logs determined that well-being checks were being completed too quickly and that they were found to be out of compliance with the 30 minute time frame allowed in the rule.

Corrective Actions:

Staff will need to be retrained in the importance of well-being checks. Submit documentation of this training to the Department of Corrections. The inspector will follow-up with the facility to review well-being checks to ensure compliance within 3 months.

Response Needed By: 09/01/2021**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:

Items were found in the lock box that were not listed on inventory sheet.

Corrective Actions:

Add all items in lock box to inventory sheet to be checked daily stated in policy.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

Captain Ben Verby is the new Jail Administrator and Captain Jodi Roloff is the new Assistant Jail Administrator.

The Dakota County Jail has excellent programs and program staff that are committed to providing programs relevant to the inmates' needs. Training exceeds all required elements listed in the Chapter 2911 Rules.

The facility continues to be understaffed. This has been an ongoing issue, but Dakota County is working diligently to address these staffing concerns.

The building is beginning to show signs of age. Areas of the jail were noted to have graffiti and other areas are in need of paint. Cell doors have been removed due to damage and have not been replaced and the rubber baseboards in many housing unit areas are either missing or have been removed and need to be replaced.

The jail will remain on biennial inspections

JJDPA Compliance

On July 14, 2021 a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. By state law the Dakota County Jail does not have authorization to hold juveniles.

The facility does not participate in any "Scared straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority.

Based on the information that I received, I did not find any violations of the JJDP act during the Dakota County inspection.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

