



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:

Freeborn County Jail

Address: 411 Broadway S, PO BOX 170, Albert Lea, MN 56007

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Gretta Holder – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 02/18/2026

Inspection Method: Facility walk through, staff and inmate interviews, staff and inmate file reviews, and facility documentation and video reviews.

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Mike Stasko; Program Coordinator Jody Larson; Quality Compliance Officer Valerie Taylor

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Mike Stasko

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Mike Stasko; Sheriff Ryan Shea

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Recommendations	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	120	118	2	0	98.33%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	94	93	1	0	98.94%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 03/01/2026 **Ends On:** 02/29/2028 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 02/28/2027
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Freeborn County Sheriff's Office
Special Conditions:

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

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	Effective Date	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	148	10/8/2010	90	133.20	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 2****1. 2911.5800 AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL RESOURCES. Subpart 6. Medical screening.**

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that requires medical screening is performed and recorded by trained staff on all inmates on admission to the facility. The findings are to be recorded in a manner approved by the health authority. The screening process shall include procedures relating to: A. Inquiry into: (1) current illness and health problems, including dental emergencies, and other infectious diseases; (2) medication taken and special health requirements; (3) use of alcohol and other drugs that include types of drugs used, mode of use, amounts used, frequency used, date or time of last use, and history of problems that may have occurred after ceasing use, for example, convulsions; (4) past and present treatment or hospitalization for mental illness or attempted suicide; (5) other health problems designated by the health authority; and (6) signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis to include weight loss, night sweats, persistent cough lasting three weeks or longer, coughing up blood, low grade fever, fatigue, chest pain, prior history of active tuberculosis disease, and results of previous tuberculin skin or blood testing. B. Observations of: (1) behavior that includes state of consciousness, mental status, appearance, conduct, tremor, and sweating; and (2) body deformities, trauma markings, body piercings, bruises, lesions, and jaundice. C. Disposition to: (1) general population; (2) general population and referral to appropriate health care service; (3) referral to appropriate health care service on an emergency basis; and (4) other.

Inspection Findings:

The intake medical screen was missing Part (B) Observations of: (2) body deformities, trauma markings, body piercings, bruises, lesions, and jaundice.

Corrective Actions:

The facility must update the intake medical screen on their Jail Management System to ensure it includes the required observation section. All staff should be trained on completing this section. Send the updated intake medical screen to the DOC for review.

Response Needed By: 04/03/2026**2. 2911.6200 MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS. Subpart 2. Data practices.**

The medical record file shall be maintained separately and according to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.

Inspection Findings:

A review of inmate files showed that there was medical information in two inmate files in master control.

Corrective Actions:

Develop a process to ensure that all medical documentation is stored with the medical file in health services.

Response Needed By: 04/03/2026**Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance****Total: 1****1. 2911.2800 ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION. Subpart 4. Policy.**

Written policy and procedure shall provide that the status of inmates in administrative segregation is reviewed every seven days. These policies shall provide: A. that the review is documented and placed in the inmate's file; B. that the inmate in administrative segregation receive visits from the facility administrator or designee a minimum of once every seven days as a part of the administrative review process; and C. that the review process that is used to release an inmate from administrative segregation is specified.

Inspection Findings:

The facility had one inmate on administrative segregation at the time of the inspection. A review of the inmate's file showed that the inmate received visits from the facility designee or administrator, however they were not being conducted and documented every 7-days as required.

Corrective Actions:

The facility must create an administrative review process that includes visits from the facility administrator, or designee, every 7-days. These reviews must be documented in the inmate's file. Documentation showing that administrative reviews are being conducted should be sent to the inspector after the facility has an inmate in administrative segregation for more than 7 days. The inspector will continue to monitor for compliance.

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The Freeborn County Jail is clean and well-maintained. The Jail Administrator was well-prepared for the inspection and provided all the documentation needed.

The Freeborn County Jail will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

On February 17, 2026, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Freeborn County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP).

According to the DOC Portal System, the Freeborn County Jail held or processed zero (0) juveniles during the federal fiscal year from February 17, 2025 to February 17, 2026. These records have been reviewed in their entirety.

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

Based on the documentation provided and reviewed, no violations of the JJDP act were identified during the 2026 Freeborn County Jail inspection.

Report completed By: Gretta Holder – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

Gretta Holder