



# 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, PO BOX 170, Albert Lea, MN 56007

**MN Governing Rule:** 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

**Inspection Type:** Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 02/11/2020 to 02/28/2020

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

**Officials Present During Inspection:** Assistant Jail Administrator Tavis Bolinger; Jail Administrator Mike Stasko; ICE Contract Manager Valerie Taylor

**Officials Present for Exit Interview:** Jail Administrator Mike Stasko; ICE Contract Manager Valerie Taylor

**Issued Inspection Report to:** Jail Administrator Mike Stasko; Sheriff Kurt Freitag; County Administrator Thomas Jensen; Regional Manager Dayna Burmeister; ICE Contract Manager Valerie Taylor

## 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	120	119	1	0	99.17%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	94	94	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

## TERMS OF OPERATION

**Authority to Operate:** approval **Begins On:** 03/01/2020 **Ends On:** 02/28/2022 **Facility Type:** Jail  
**Placed on Biennial Status:** Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 02/28/2021  
**Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval:** 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Freeborn 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	148	90	133.20	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:**

Several dates, times and shifts were observed completing well-being checks. Well-being checks were viewed as being over the 30 minutes allowed by the rule. The well-being checks observed were done at too fast a pace and did not appear to be staggered.

**Corrective Actions:**

**The jail has a well documented audit process in place with documented follow up with staff.  
Continue to train on the importance of timely well-being checks.**

**Response Needed By: 04/01/2020****INSPECTION COMMENTS**

**Training:** The Freeborn County Jail has an excellent training program. They continue to use a variety of training methods using both online and classroom training. They have also added scenario based training for Use of Force that has been very beneficial for the Correctional staff.

**Medical:** The jail is using electronic medical records. Medication counts are unable to be verified due to the way the system was developed. Advanced Correctional Health will be looking into this to try to find a better tracking system for accountability of medications.

The jail will be placed on biennial inspections.

**JJDPA Compliance**

On February 11, 2020, 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). This allows the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holiday. There are three core requirements that are looked at during our facility review. Those core requirements are Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound separation.

According to the Statewide Supervision System and the Freeborn County Jail records, the jail held or processed zero (0) juveniles during the federal fiscal year starting October 1, 2019. I reviewed 100 percent of the juvenile data and the findings are as follows:

DSO: I did not find any violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail. Upon review of the files, indication was that children that were brought into the facility were indeed there for delinquent offenses.

\* It was noted that on occasion some juveniles that are being transported from a facility to court are held in the jail. If the jail continues this practice, those juveniles must be documented and verified they are not juvenile status offenders.

Jail Removal: Files and Statewide Supervision System data indicate that any children brought into the jail are removed well within the 24 hour time frame allowed per the "Rural Exception."

Sight and Sound Separation: Juveniles are kept in the intake area of the jail and all adults are locked down if they are in that area. This included any trustees. The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation.

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

Court Holding: Freeborn County has secure court holding that is monitored by staff and by camera. There are separate court times for adults and juveniles to maintain proper sight and sound separation. Juveniles are escorted through a secure hallway as well.

Based on the documentation that I reviewed, I did not find any violations of the JJDP act during the 2020 Freeborn County Jail inspection.

There were no juveniles brought into the jail for the sole violation of underage drinking.

Corrective action: All juveniles that are brought into the jail must be verified as delinquent offenders and documented, regardless if they are solely being held for court.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

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