



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:** Lori Schopf – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 02/02/2022

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

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Mike Stasko

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	117	2	1	98.33%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	94	94	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: conditional approval **Begins On:** 03/01/2022 **Ends On:** 02/29/2024 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 02/28/2023
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: 2**

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.

There were multiple checks completed that were staggered, and completed at a good pace. There was one check found to be past the 30 minute time frame allowed in the Rule.

Corrective Actions:

Although there was a check observed to be out of compliance, the Freeborn County Administration has a well documented audit process in place for all Correctional Staff, including a documented follow up with staff. The facility inspector will continue to monitor for continuance of compliance for well-being checks.

Response Needed By: 02/28/2022

2. 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 initial medical screening did not incorporate all areas of the rule. Specifically there is no question for date or time of last use regarding alcohol or drugs.

Corrective Actions:

This was discussed with the Jail Administrator at the time of the inspection. Once the document is updated, send to the DOC Inspector for approval by May 31, 2022.

Response Needed By: 05/31/2022**Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 1**

1. 2911.6500 STORAGE. Subpart 6. Needles and other medical sharps.

There shall be a written policy and procedure for the control and disposal of medical sharps and supplies. Medical sharps and supplies when used or stored in inmate housing areas shall be accounted for and secured in a locked area.

Inspection Findings:

Medical sharps in booking were stored in a secure location, but not properly accounted for.

Corrective Actions:

Have correctional staff follow your policy when counting medical sharps.

INSPECTION COMMENTS

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

The policy manual has been updated to reflect the changes of the new statutory language that was added after the close of the legislative session in July of 2021, and the Jail Administrator is in the process of switching to Lexipol for their policy.

Since the last inspection the medical staff have found an efficient way to track for accountability of medications while using electronic MARS. The staff can verify the count daily, and the nurse completes weekly audits on all medications. During the inspection all medication counts were verified and accurate.

The facility is in substantial compliance with the 2911 Rule and will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

On February 2, 2022, 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 DOC Portal System, the Freeborn County Jail held or processed zero (0) juveniles during the federal fiscal year from October 1, 2021 to February 2, 2022. These records have been reviewed in their entirety.

The findings are as follows:

DSO: NO violations.

Jail Removal: NO violations

Sight and Sound Separation: NO violations.

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.

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 2022 Freeborn County Jail inspection.

Report completed By: Lori Schopf – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature: _____

