



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:

Le Sueur County Jail

Address: 435 E Derrynane Street, SUITE 1100, Le Center, MN 56057

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Pre-occupancy **Inspected By:** Sarah Johnson – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 08/16/2019

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Mitch Overn

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Mitch Overn

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Mitch Overn; Sheriff Brett Mason; County Administrator/Engineer Darrell Pettis; 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	125	0	1	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	98	96	1	1	98.98%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 09/01/2019 **Ends On:** 10/31/2020 **Facility Type:** Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: No **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:**

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Le Sueur 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	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	80	90	72.00	new facility	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

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

1. 2911.3100 INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. Subpart 7. Recreation plan.

The facility administrator or designee shall have a plan providing opportunities for physical exercise and recreational activities for all inmates consistent with the facility's classification and design. Class I facilities are exempt from this requirement. The plan shall include policies and procedures necessary to protect the facility's security and the welfare of inmates. Policy and procedure shall provide: A. inmates with access to recreational opportunities and equipment, including seven hours of physical exercise or recreation outside the cell and adjacent dayroom areas per week; B. recreational opportunities a minimum of five days per week; C. indoor space and equipment for active recreational activities in all Class II to Class VI facilities; D. outdoor recreational space and equipment for outdoor recreational programming in all Class VI facilities. The space and equipment shall be provided in a manner consistent with the facility's security classification; E. passive and active recreation needs and equipment for a variety of inmates consistent with the facility's classification and offenders served. As an example, activity needs of geriatric, disabled, or geriatric and disabled offenders shall be addressed; F. inmates in segregation with a minimum of one hour a day, seven days a week, of exercise outside the inmates' cells, unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise; and G. discretionary access by inmates on segregation status to the same recreational facilities as other inmates unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise. When inmates on segregation status are excluded from use of regular recreation facilities, the alternative area for exercise used shall be documented.

Inspection Findings:

The indoor recreational space is minimal and does not appear adequate for the inmate population.

Corrective Actions:

A major remodel would have to take place in order to become compliant with this rule. The jail is moving forward with plans for a new facility. No corrective action is required at this time.

Response Needed By:**Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****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 random cell check logs revealed that some well-being checks were beyond the 30 minute time frame required by the rule.

Corrective Actions:

The jail has implemented using the pipe system to log well-being checks along with handwritten logs of when checks are completed. Because of the two methods documentation was found to be sporadic.

A review of the camera system showed that checks were being completed but had not been recorded.

It is recommended that one system for recording well-being checks be established and that staff are retrained on the importance of documentation. This will be extremely important as you move into the new facility.

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

1. 2911.1300 CUSTODY STAFF TRAINING.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that provides that all custody staff receive 120 hours of orientation and training during the first year of employment. Forty of these hours are completed prior to being independently assigned to a particular post. All persons in this category are given an additional 16 hours of training each subsequent year. At a minimum, training completed before independent assignment to a particular post shall include: A. security procedures; B. supervision of inmates; C. signs of suicide risk and suicide precautions; D. vulnerable inmates; E. response to resistance regulations and tactics; F. report writing; G. inmate rules and regulations; H. rights and responsibilities of inmates; I. fire and emergency procedures; J. key control; K. interpersonal relations and communication skills; L. diversity training; M. distribution of medications; N. right to know; and O. blood-borne pathogens and communicable diseases.

Inspection Findings:

A review of the training records indicated that not all staff had the required number of training hours.

Corrective Actions:

At the time of the inspection we discussed different ways for the jail to accomplish its training goals by the end of the year using a variety of different training resources. It is also recommended that the facility begin coming up with a training plan for the new facility with the required elements from the rule. Information was given of training academy's in the area along with the information on the Minnesota Sheriffs Association web site for the state academy. It is also imperative that the jail administrator and his command staff receive the proper training as well.

Response Needed By:**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

The facility was clean and appeared in good repair. Jail Administrator was prepared and very organized.

Advanced Correctional Health Care was not present in the building on the day of the inspection and so I was unable to verify the system of accountability of prescription medications. I will do a follow up visit to confirm when the nurse is available.

The jail is now in the process of planning for a new facility. Plans have been drawn and the Department of Corrections is assisting in the approval of those plans.

The Jail Administrator has a lot of insight on the challenges ahead and has been in contact with Inspection and Enforcement Unit regularly since the process began.

We will continue to offer technical assistance as needed.

Although the facility is in substantial compliance, I am placing them on annual inspections as they continue with the process of opening a new facility.

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The LeSueur County Jail did not hold any juveniles in 2017.

Report completed By: Sarah Johnson – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

