



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: Biennial **Inspected By:** Rachel Dotseth – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 04/03/2023

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 Joe Martin; 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	127	123	0	4	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	102	102	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 05/01/2023 **Ends On:** 04/30/2025 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 04/30/2024
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Le Sueur 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	80	90	72.00	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns

Total: 4

- 2911.2550 RELEASES. Subpart 1. Release procedures.

A facility shall have written procedures for releasing inmates that include, at a minimum, the following: A. verification of identity; B. verification of authority to release; C. return of stored property with a receipt for the inmate to sign, unless the property is held for authorized investigation or litigation; and D. arrangements for completion of any pending action, such as grievances, or claims for damaged or lost possessions.

Inspection Findings:

The facility is completing a brief mental health screen; however, the screen has been altered and does not include all questions required to validate the screen.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall screen all new admissions with the approved brief mental health form provided by the inspector. The inspector shall follow up with the facility to ensure compliance with the rule.

Response Needed By:

2. 2911.3700 EMERGENCIES AND UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. Subpart 2. Quarterly review of emergency procedures.

There shall be a review of emergency procedures once every three months. The review shall include: A. assignment of persons to specific tasks in case of emergency situations; B. instructions in the use of alarm systems and signals; C. systems for notification of appropriate persons outside the facility; D. information on the location and use of emergency equipment in the facility; E. specification of evacuation routes and procedures; and F. that the review be documented and require signature or initialing by all staff.

Inspection Findings:

Quarterly reviews are not being completed consistently with all staff.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall complete the mandatory quarterly emergency reviews. This shall be documented to include all support staff- i.e; kitchen and medical.

Response Needed By:

3. 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 well-being checks was completed on the day of the inspection using the jail's video system. One well-being check was found to be out of compliance with the 30-minute time frame allowed in the rule.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall conduct well-being check training on all staff. This training should include the requirements under the rule. This training should include both the time requirements and the pace at which a well-being check is performed. The training shall be documented and submitted to the Department of Corrections by 07/30/2023.

Response Needed By:

4. 2911.6500 STORAGE. Subpart 2. Refrigeration.

Medication requiring refrigeration shall be refrigerated and secured and the temperature checked daily. There must be separate refrigeration for medications only.

Inspection Findings:

Although the facility is completing temperature checks on a regular basis, there are times when this is not being completed.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall assign a staff member to complete the daily temperature checks when medical personnel are not in the facility to ensure compliance with the rule.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The Jail Administrator was very prepared and organized for the inspection.

Physical plant:

The facility is very well-maintained, clean, and organized.

Programming:

The facility offers a wide range of programming, such as religious programs, substance abuse, recreation, and library services. This provides multiple opportunities for inmates.

Since the COVID 19 Pandemic, the facility lost its GED program but has found other educational programs for inmates. The programmer also meets with inmates upon admission to the facility and provides each inmate with an overview of what programs are provided.

Policies:

Several weeks prior to the facility's scheduled inspection, a review of the policies was completed. The deficiencies discovered during the review were submitted to the facility and at the time of this report, they have been resolved.

The facility will remain on biennial inspection.

JJDPA Compliance

On April 03, 2023, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Le Sueur County Jail has a 24-hold approval. The three core requirements included in the audit are the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound Separation.

The Le Sueur County Jail held or processed zero (0) juveniles during the federal fiscal year from October 1, 2022, to the date of this inspection. 100 percent of the federal year juvenile data was reviewed. The findings are as follows:

DSO: No violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail.

Jail Removal: No violations for the jail removal standard.

Sight and Sound Separation: 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.

Based on the documentation reviewed, zero (0) violations of the JJDP Act were determined during the Le Sueur County inspection.

Report completed By: Rachel Dotseth – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:


