



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:

Mower County Jail

Address: 201 Second Avenue, SUITE 4, Austin, MN 55912

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 01/07/2020 to 01/22/2020

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator James Brown

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator James Brown

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator James Brown; Sheriff Steve Sandvig; County Coordinator Trish Harren; 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	126	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	100	99	0	1	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 02/01/2020 **Ends On:** 01/31/2022 **Facility Type:** Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 01/31/2021

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Mower County Sheriff's Department
201 First Street NE, Ste #3
Austin, MN 55912

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	88	90	79.20	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules In Compliance With Concerns**Total: 1****1. 2911.3700 EMERGENCIES AND UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. Subpart 4. Reporting of unusual occurrences.**

Incidents of an unusual or serious nature shall be reported within ten days of the incident in writing to the Department of Corrections in the format required by the department. The reports shall include the names of persons involved, staff and inmates, nature of the unusual occurrence, actions taken, and the date and time of the occurrence. Unusual occurrences requiring reporting to the DOC include such occurrences as: A. attempted suicide; B. suicide; C. homicide; D. death, by means other than suicide or homicide; E. serious injury or illness subsequent to detention including incidents resulting in hospitalization for medical care; F. hospitalization associated with mental health needs; G. attempted escape or escape from a secured facility; H. incidents of fire requiring medical treatment of staff or inmates or a response by a local fire authority; I. riot; J. assaults of one inmate by another that result in criminal charges or outside medical attention; K. assaults of staff by inmates that result in criminal charges or outside medical attention; L. injury to inmates through response to resistance by staff controlling inmate behavior; M. occurrences of infectious diseases and action taken relative to same when a medical authority has determined that the inmate must be isolated from other inmates; and N. reporting of all notices of intent to file litigation against the facility resulting from matters related to the detention or incarceration of an inmate; O. sexual misconduct, such as inmate on inmate, staff on inmate, and inmate on staff; and P. use of sexual materials, electronic media for sexual purposes, or both. In the event of an emergency such as serious illness or injury where death may be imminent, individuals designated by the inmate shall be notified. Permission for notification, if possible, shall be obtained from the inmate.

Inspection Findings:

The facility does not consistently report required incidents.

Corrective Actions:

Submit to the Department of Corrections all incidents that are required according to the rule. This was discussed at the time of the inspection.

Response Needed By:**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

James Brown has been administrator for approximately 2 years now. At the time of the inspection we discussed all recommended changes from the last inspection and James has implemented many of those items.

The policy manual was updated and he is working on bids on some of the major upgrades that are needed.

Mower County has recently hired a new Training Coordinator. Training documentation was organized and easy to read. The county exceeds all of the minimums required for training.

The facility does not have maintenance personnel assigned specifically to the building and the building is beginning to show signs of age. Many of the inmate housing areas are in need of paint.

Camera coverage is poor in inmate housing areas specifically in general population. This was addressed with the Sheriff during the last inspection and coverage is still poor.

The programs department appears to have a wide variety of programming for inmates and has an exceptional volunteer orientation and training program.

The facility will be moved to biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

On January 7, 2020, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Mower County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act (JJDP). This allows for the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays. The three core requirements that are looked at during a facility review are Deinstitutionalization of status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jails and Lock-Ups, and Sight and Sound Separation.

According to the Statewide Supervision System, the Mower County Jail processed zero (0) juveniles during the Federal Fiscal Year beginning October 2019.

There were no violations and the jail does not participate in any scared straight programs.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:


