



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:

Nicollet County Jail

Address: 501 S Minnesota Avenue, PO BOX 117, St. Peter, MN 56082

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Annual **Inspected By:** Rachel Dotseth – Detention Facility Inspector

Inspected on: 03/26/2025 to 03/26/2025

Inspection Method: Facility walk-through, staff and inmate interviews, staff and inmate file reviews, and facility documentation and video review.

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Jason Wech; Sheriff Dave Lange

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Jason Wech

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Jason Wech; Sheriff Dave Lange; County Administrator Mandy Landkamer; Regional Manager Dayna Burmeister

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Recommendations	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	126	126	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	102	101	1	0	99.02%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval

Begins On: 05/01/2025 **Ends On:** 04/30/2026

Facility Type: Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: No

Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs

Certificate Holder: Nicollet County Sheriff's Department

Special Conditions: Mailed on 4/9/2025.

Approved Capacity Details **Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.*

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	Effective Date	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	34	5/1/2002	80	27.20	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance**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:

New custody staff receive 120 hours of training during their first year of employment; however, there was no documentation that staff received training in the following areas: D. vulnerable inmates, L. diversity training, and K. interpersonal relations and communication skills.

Corrective Actions:

Ensure that all new correctional and custody staff are receiving training as required by the rule. Submit documentation to the Department of Corrections by June 30, 2025.

Response Needed By: 06/30/2025**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

The Nicollet County Jail has been operating for over 41 years. The housing units have chipped paint on the door frames and rust on the ceiling tiles. The facility is in the process of updating the cameras.

The facility will remain on annual inspections since the Jail administrator is new and still learning the MN Chapter 2911 rules.

JJDPA Compliance

On March 25, 2025, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act audit was conducted. The facility is authorized to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 6 hours. The three core requirements that are review are Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound separation.

The findings are as follows: All newly arrested juveniles are transported to an available juvenile detention center. No juveniles are processed at the Nicollet County Jail. The only juveniles that are held are the ones being transported from placement to court. Nicollet County does not use the two secure court holding cells for juveniles awaiting court due to lack of visibility by staff.

DSO: The facility was found to have no violations for this standard.

Jail Removal: The facility was found to have no violation for this standard. The Jail Removal core requirement states that no juvenile shall be held securely in an adult jail for a status offense.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation.

Court holding: There are two secure court holding cells at Nicollet County. The cells themselves are kept unlocked but the area is locked and considered secure holding. The facility does not participate in any "Scared straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority. Based on the documentation reviewed, no violations were found of the JJDP Act during the Nicollet County inspection.

Report completed By: Rachel Dotseth – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

