



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: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 07/14/2020 to 07/27/2020

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Joel Polzin

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Joel Polzin

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Joel Polzin; Sheriff Dave Lange; County Administrator Ryan Krosch; 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	1	0	99.21%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	101	101	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 05/01/2020 **Ends On:** 04/30/2022 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 04/30/2021
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs **Certificate Holder:** Nicollet County Sheriff's Department
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	34	80	27.20	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**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:

After review of video footage from the facility I found that some well being checks were not within the 30 minute time frame allowed in the rule. Checks were also completed by the viewing port.

Corrective Actions:

Well being checks shall not be completed by the viewing port during the day and when completed at night they viewing port needs to be open and not done by looking through the small space in the port. This was discussed at length at the time of the inspection.

Response Needed By: 09/01/2020**INSPECTION COMMENTS****Comments:**

Overall, the jail is very clean, well organized and staff appear knowledgeable in their job duties.

The jail controls/communication system is antiquated. It is recommended that new system be put in place before the current system is not repairable. New Cameras were added to address previous concerns regarding blind spots in the jail and around the perimeter.

The jail will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

Compliance Report for the monitoring Facilities Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002.

On July 14, 2020, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The facility is authorized to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 6 hours. 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.

The findings are as follows:

All newly arrested juveniles are brought to the Carver County Juvenile Detention Center or Scott County Juvenile Alternative Facility, they are not 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. There are not bailiffs able to watch the juveniles while they await their court appearance and it is felt the juveniles would be better monitored in the jail while awaiting court.

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.

The facility does not participate in any "Scared straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority.

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.

Based on the documentation that I reviewed, no violations were found of the JJDP Act during the Nicollet County inspection were found.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature: _____

