



# 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:

### Renville County Jail

**Address:** 500 E DePue Avenue, Olivia, MN 56277

**MN Governing Rule:** 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

**Inspection Type:** Biennial **Inspected By:** Timothy Thompson – Unit Manager **Inspected on:** 10/25/2019

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

**Officials Present During Inspection:** Assistant Jail Administrator Melissa Swyter; Jail Administrator Ned Wohlman

**Officials Present for Exit Interview:** Assistant Jail Administrator Melissa Swyter; Jail Administrator Ned Wohlman

**Issued Inspection Report to:** Jail Administrator Ned Wohlman; Sheriff Scott Hable; County Administrator Lisa Herges; 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	122	1	3	99.21%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	101	99	1	1	99.01%	Compliance rating of 90%

## TERMS OF OPERATION

**Authority to Operate:** conditional approval **Begins On:** 09/01/2019 **Ends On:** 08/31/2021 **Facility Type:** Jail

**Placed on Biennial Status:** Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 08/31/2020

**Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval:** 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Renville County Sheriff's Office

**Special Conditions:** Conditional approval may be changed to Approved upon receipt of the corrective action.

### 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	72	90	64.80	None.	None.

## RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

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

## 1. 2911.2500 SEPARATION OF INMATES. Subpart 1. General.

A combination of separate housing units inclusive of special management areas, general population, and minimum security areas and cells, dormitories, and dayroom spaces shall be provided to properly segregate inmates pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 641.14. The facility shall provide for the separate housing of the following categories of inmates: A. female and male inmates; B. community custody inmates such as work release or sentencing to service; C. inmates requiring disciplinary segregation; D. inmates requiring administrative segregation; E. juveniles who do not meet Minnesota statutory requirements for placement with adults; F. special management, general population, and minimum security inmates as considered appropriate to the facilities design intent and classification system; and G. inmates classified as mentally ill or special needs inmates in a manner consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.05.

**Inspection Findings:**

B. Release status inmates are being housed in a general population cell block. Separation of these types of inmates are clearly stated in the rules. Additionally, there was an inmate classified as minimum custody that was housed with inmates classified as medium custody.

**Corrective Actions:**

**Discontinue housing release status inmates with inmates that are not classified with release privileges. Also, make sure that only like classified inmates are housed together.**

**Provide a written plan detailing how you will accomplish these requirements.**

**Response Needed By: 01/31/2020****Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance****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 recently started reporting special incidents. However, several of the reports were reported well outside the 10 days required by rule. Some of the reports dated back to the beginning of 2019.

**Corrective Actions:**

**Ensure any reportable special incidents are reported within the 10 days required by the rules.**

**Response Needed By:****Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 3**

## 1. 2911.4100 MEALS. Subpart 1. Evening meal.

There shall not be more than 14 hours between a substantial evening meal and breakfast. A substantial evening meal is classified as a serving of three or more menu items at one time to include a high quality protein such as meat, fish, eggs, or cheese. The meal shall represent no less than 20 percent of the day's total nutrition requirements.

**Inspection Findings:**

The evening meal is served around 6:00 pm. Breakfast is served at approximately 8:00 am the following morning. A check of logs indicated times in which the times meals were served were very close to violating the rules.

**Corrective Actions:**

**It is recommended that meal times be adjusted to ensure meals are provided within the 14 hour time frame.**

**Response Needed By:**

2. 2911.7000 TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING, SEPARATION OF INMATES WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASE. Subpart 1. Policy.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that addresses the management of serious and infectious diseases. This policy and procedure shall be updated as new information becomes available.

**Inspection Findings:**

Policy is in place. However, there are numerous places around the facility that are in need of paint, and general preventative maintenance.

**Corrective Actions:**

**It is strongly recommended the facility paint various areas of the facility. Although it may seem to be merely aesthetic, it does have an impact on facility atmosphere, and ultimately security.**

**Response Needed By:**

3. 2911.7200 HOUSEKEEPING, SANITATION, AND PLANT MAINTENANCE. Subpart 2. Maintenance plan.

A written housekeeping plan for all areas of the physical plant shall provide for daily housekeeping and regular maintenance by assigning specific duties and responsibilities. Facility floors are kept clean, dry, and free of hazardous substances. A written policy and procedure shall establish the following requirements: A. weekly sanitation inspections of all institution areas by a designated staff member; and B. there is documentation that deficiencies, if any, have been corrected.

**Inspection Findings:**

One of the living units was utilizing extension cords to plug in the TV's. They believe the issue is related to the security electronics system which is the original system.

This is not an appropriate way to resolve electrical issues.

**Corrective Actions:**

**The facility is scheduled to have a security electronics upgrade completed after January 1, 2020.**

**Provide a written plan detailing a solution to the use of extension cords. This should be implemented as soon as possible, and must not wait for the security electronic upgrade.**

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

1. 2911.7300 FIRE INSPECTION. Subpart 5. Fire alarm requirements.

There shall be a fire alarm and automatic detection system required, as approved by the authority having jurisdiction, or a plan for addressing these or other deficiencies within a reasonable time. The authority may approve any variances, exceptions, or equivalencies.

**Inspection Findings:**

Fairmont Fire Systems completed their inspection on 12/18/18.  
Brothers Fire Systems completed their inspection on 11/21/18.

These requirements were in compliance as of the date of the inspection. However, they are now outdated.

**Corrective Actions:**

**Provide copies of the updated inspections.**

**Response Needed By:**

**INSPECTION COMMENTS****Summary:**

The facility continues to operate at a high level of compliance with the rules. However, there are areas of concern that have been noted in prior inspections, with little action taken.

Concerns: It was noted in the last on-site inspection report that the facility was budgeting for painting/recoating the cells and various areas of the facility. This was not completed. Once again, it is strongly recommended the facility repaint/recoat the area needed. There are numerous areas in which there is graffiti, which can no longer be cleaned. This has a negative impact on facility atmosphere, and ultimately facility security.

Also noted in the last inspection report was the need to update security electronics. This also has not been completed, and appears to be impacting the general electrical system.

It is strongly recommended these issues be resolved as soon as possible. Failure to resolve these issues may negatively impact the future of the inspection process.

**JJDPA Compliance**

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

On October 25, 2019, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Renville County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). This allows the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holiday. 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.

According to the Statewide Supervision System, the Renville County Jail held or processed zero (0) juveniles during the current federal fiscal year. The findings are as follows:

DSO: I did not find any violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail.

Jail Removal: There were no juveniles held during this time frame.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design, policies, and court schedule 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.

Policies: The jail policies are complete.

Court Holding: There is no court holding available. The juveniles are escorted right into the courtrooms. There are separate times for juvenile court appearances.

Based on the documentation that I reviewed, I did not find any violations of the JJDP act during the Renville County inspection.

Report completed By: Timothy Thompson – Unit Manager

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