



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:

Rice County Jail

Address: 50 E View Drive, Faribault, MN 55021

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Gretta Holder – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 09/30/2025

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

Officials Present During Inspection:

Officials Present for Exit Interview:

Issued Inspection Report to:

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	128	128	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	111	111	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 11/01/2025 **Ends On:** 10/31/2027 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 10/31/2026
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Rice County Sheriff's Office
Special Conditions:

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	76	10/29/2024	90	68.40	The designed capacity of the new facility is 90 beds. The approved capacity is 76 beds. The operational capacity is 68 beds (90%).	

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INSPECTION COMMENTS

The new facility opened in October 2024, a six-month inspection was conducted in March of 2025, followed by this annual inspection.

While reviewing documentation pertaining to 2911.5450, the facility was in compliance with the rule, however it is recommended to create a more thorough inventory checklist to ensure accountability when culinary tools are being used, add specifics to facility policy to include the accountability of utensils while in use and ensure staff is trained on the procedure to inventory all kitchen utensils at the designated time.

The medical screen is thorough and includes all elements of 2911.5800.6, however during the inspection a computer glitch was identified in the transfer of information from the tablet being used in booking and the inmate's electronic file. The issue is being address by IT.

The facility will move to biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

Compliance Report for the monitoring of facilities according to the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002.

On September 29, 2025, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Rice 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 holidays. 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 DOC Portal System, the Rice County Jail has held zero (0) juveniles during the 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: I did not find any violations for the jail removal standard.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation. Rice County does not hold delinquent juveniles in the facility per their current policy.

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

Court Holding: No juveniles are held in the Rice County Jail.

Based on the documentation reviewed, I did not find any violations of the JJDP Act during the Rice County inspection.

Report completed By: Gretta Holder – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature: _____

Gretta Holder