



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:

Stearns County Jail

Address: 807 Courthouse Square, PO BOX 217, St. Cloud, MN 56302

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 04/16/2024

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Mark Maslonkowski

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Mark Maslonkowski

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Mark Maslonkowski; Sheriff Steve Soyka; County Administrator Michael Williams; Regional Manager Jake McLellan

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	3	1	97.62%	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:** 06/01/2024 **Ends On:** 05/31/2026 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 05/31/2025
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs **Certificate Holder:** Stearns 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	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	151	90	135.90	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 3**

1. 2911.3700 EMERGENCIES AND UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. Subpart 1. Emergency plan.

A facility shall have a written disaster plan. The plan shall include policies and procedures designed to protect the public by securely detaining inmates who represent a danger to the community or to themselves when the facility must be evacuated in total. The plan shall also include: A. location of alarms and fire fighting equipment; B. an emergency drill policy as follows: (1) at least annual drills at all facility locations; and (2) drills shall be conducted even when evacuation of extremely dangerous inmates may not be included; C. specific assignments and tasks for personnel; D. persons and emergency departments to be notified; E. procedure for evacuation of inmates; and F. arrangements for temporary confinement of inmates.

Inspection Findings:

The facility has not completed the annual fire drill/evacuation drill as required. The last documented drill was conducted April 11, 2023.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall complete the annual required fire/evacuation drill and submit documentation to the Department of Corrections by May 31, 2024.

Response Needed By: 05/31/2024

2. 2911.3700 EMERGENCIES AND UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. Subpart 2. Quarterly review of emergency procedures.

There shall be a review of emergency procedures once every three months. The review shall include: A. assignment of persons to specific tasks in case of emergency situations; B. instructions in the use of alarm systems and signals; C. systems for notification of appropriate persons outside the facility; D. information on the location and use of emergency equipment in the facility; E. specification of evacuation routes and procedures; and F. that the review be documented and require signature or initialing by all staff.

Inspection Findings:

The facility was unable to provide documentation that all staff completed quarterly review of emergency procedures.

Corrective Actions:

Documentation of completed quarterly reviews shall be submitted to the Department of Corrections each quarter to verify compliance until December 31, 2024.

Response Needed By: 12/31/2024

3. 2911.5300 SEARCHES, SHAKEDOWNS, AND CONTRABAND CONTROL. Subpart 4. Daily inspections.

A facility shall be inspected at least daily for contraband, evidence of breaches in security, and inoperable security equipment, and shall document the inspection.

Inspection Findings:

Daily inspections are not being documented.

Corrective Actions:

Daily inspections shall be documented in facility logs. The inspector will monitor through requested audits to ensure compliance.

Response Needed By: 05/31/2024**Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 1**

1. 2911.5800 AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL RESOURCES. Subpart 6. Medical screening.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that requires medical screening is performed and recorded by trained staff on all inmates on admission to the facility. The findings are to be recorded in a manner approved by the health authority. The screening process shall include procedures relating to: A. Inquiry into: (1) current illness and health problems, including dental emergencies, and other infectious diseases; (2) medication taken and special health requirements; (3) use of alcohol and other drugs that include types of drugs used, mode of use, amounts used, frequency used, date or time of last use, and history of problems that may have occurred after ceasing use, for example, convulsions; (4) past and present treatment or hospitalization for mental illness or attempted suicide; (5) other health problems designated by the health authority; and (6) signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis to include weight loss, night sweats, persistent cough lasting three weeks or longer, coughing up blood, low grade fever, fatigue, chest pain, prior history of active tuberculosis disease, and results of previous tuberculin skin or blood testing. B. Observations of: (1) behavior that includes state of consciousness, mental status, appearance, conduct, tremor, and sweating; and (2) body deformities, trauma markings, body piercings, bruises, lesions, and jaundice. C. Disposition to: (1) general population; (2) general population and referral to appropriate health care service; (3) referral to appropriate health care service on an emergency basis; and (4) other.

Inspection Findings:

The medical screen is missing elements A3 and A6 as required in this rule part.

Corrective Actions:

In conjunction with the medical authority, the facility shall include the requirements listed and submit to the Department of Corrections for review.

Response Needed By:**Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 1****1. 2911.2400 DETENTION INFORMATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.**

The facility administrator shall designate a staff person responsible for reporting of information on persons detained or incarcerated to the DOC in a manner consistent with requirements in the DOC's Statewide Supervision System. Detention Entry Guide (2010) and any amendments, which is incorporated by reference, subject to frequent change, and available at the State Law Library, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155. Detention information system reporting requirements shall be met in an accurate manner daily.

Inspection Findings:

The data provided in DOC Portal continues to be inaccurate. Captain Maslonkowski manually sends data to the Inspection and Enforcement Unit monthly.

Corrective Actions:

It is strongly recommended the facility work with the Jail Management System vendor to resolve the data extraction issue. Accuracy of the information is critical in planning for future public safety needs of Stearns County.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

Physical Plant:

Several physical plant deficiencies were noted. The poured and concrete masonry unit walls are showing signs of stress in the way of cracks and deterioration. The plumbing chases inspected had original cast iron plumbing exceeding 30 years in age. Many of the materials used in the original construction, including laminate counters and tile floors, are no longer used in detention facilities. The Stearns County Jail was built in 1987 with a capacity of 98 beds. The capacity today is 151 beds. This increase in beds adds additional strain to the facility infrastructure and impacts the life expectancy of the building.

The control panels in the inmate housing areas are antiquated and part replacement is becoming increasingly difficult.

Given the physical plant and capacity issues identified, the County's elected officials are strongly encouraged to determine a course of action to address long term public safety needs.

The facility will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

On April 16, 2024, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act audit was conducted at the Stearns County Jail. The three core requirements that are looked at during the facility audit include 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, the Stearns County Jail held or processed 0 juveniles during the time frame from October 1, 2023 (the beginning of the Federal fiscal year) to the date of the review. One hundred percent of the juvenile data for this time frame was reviewed. The findings are as follows:

Stearns County policies, physical plant, and juvenile data, indicate that juveniles are not brought into the facility. There is a processing area outside the secure perimeter where all juveniles are processed. Youth are not typically held in this area for time periods longer than necessary to complete the processing and transport of the youth.

DSO: Upon review of facility data and physical plant, no violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail were identified.

Jail Removal: All juveniles are processed outside the secure perimeter of the jail.

Sight and Sound separation: Based on facility policy and physical plant, there were no violations of sight and sound. Youth are transported to a juvenile facility, and they are brought directly to court on the hearing date. 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 of the JJDP Act were identified during the Stearns County jail inspection.

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Signature:

