



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:

Wright County Jail

Address: 3800 Braddock Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Sarah Johnson – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 08/25/2020

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Patrick O'Malley

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Patrick O'Malley

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Patrick O'Malley; Sheriff Sean Deringer; County Administrator Lee Kelly; 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	126	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	101	100	0	1	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 10/01/2020 **Ends On:** 09/30/2022 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 09/30/2021
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs **Certificate Holder:** Wright County Sheriff's Department
Special Conditions: None.

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	288	93	267.84	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules In Compliance With Concerns**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:

Not all special incidents the facility had were being reported to the Department of Corrections.

Corrective Actions:

Corrective action has already been put into place by the facility. Incidents are now being reported into Statewide with the understanding of what is reportable.

Response Needed By:**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

PROGRAMS: The facility has in-depth and progressive programing seven days a week. The facility added a social worker full time in the facility to work with inmates to address their need for continued community support once they leave the facility. This program addition has already attributed to reduced recidivism and bridges the gap in services from the community once an inmate leaves the jail.

VISITATION: Visitation has been altered during COVID to expanded off-site video visitation hours and a scheduled video visitation at the facility. This has reduced the evening and weekend hours. It is recommended to restart the weekend and evening visitation once the facility can safely reopen.

JJDPA Compliance

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

On August 25 2020, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted for Wright County. Wright County Jail has 6 hour hold ability for the jail. For the federal fiscal year 2020, Wright County processed (6) six delinquent juvenile and they were all processed outside the secure perimeter of the jail. I reviewed 100 percent of the data. 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.

Wright County policies reflect that juveniles are not held at the Wright County Jail. All delinquent juveniles are taken directly to East Central Regional Juvenile Center unless the delinquent juvenile can be brought to court within the 6 hour time frame.

Juveniles that need to be booked and released are booked at a station outside the jail. The only time a delinquent child would be booked and released in the jail is when it is a safety and security risk for the facility and the child. A log will be kept of any juvenile that will be processed through the facility.

DSO: I did not find any violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail. Indication was that children that were booked and released were done so outside the secure perimeter of the jail.

Jail Removal: Files and Statewide Supervision System data indicate that any children brought into the jail are removed well within the 6 hour time frame allowed.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation. This includes the route taken to court holding. Policies and the court schedule also indicate proper sight and sound separation are maintained.

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

Court Holding: The facility has two secure court holding cells. They are sight and sound separated from each other and one is designated for juveniles only. There is also a Corrections Officer or Bailiff assigned to the holding area when occupied.

Wright County also does provide juvenile training to the staff.

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

Report completed By: Sarah Johnson – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

