



County of Riverside
JUVENILE JUSTICE and DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

2020 Lock-Up Inspection Report

Facility Name: Desert Hot Springs Police Department		
Facility Address: 65950 Pierson Blvd, Ste. A, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 (760) 329-2904		
Inspection Date: October 29, 2020	Last Inspection Date: November 16, 2016	
Facility Manager: Chief Jim Henson		
Staff Interviewed:	Sgt Cory Corranza	

Commission Inspection Team	
Commissioner Kelly Curtis	Commissioner Chris Collopy

The following is a check list to assist in reviewing the requirements necessary for compliance with applicable Welfare and Institutions Codes; Title 15 & 24 California Code of Regulations; and Health and Safety Code sections.

Check One:		Requirements:
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	1. Written policies have been adopted concerning minors held in temporary custody (secure detention and non-secure custody), including but not limited to suicide risk and prevention; use of restraints; emergency medical assistance and services; and, prohibiting use of discipline. (Title 15 Section 1142)

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. A minor 14 years of age or older who is taken into temporary custody by a peace officer on the basis of being a person described by Section 602, may be securely detained in a law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults for a period that does not exceed six hours. (W&I Code 207.1(d) (I) (B))
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Check One:		Requirements:
		3. The following are available to all minors held in temporary custody: (Title 15 Section 1143):
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Reasonable access to toilets and washing facilities.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Snack upon request if the minor has not eaten within four (4) hours or is otherwise in need of nourishment.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Access to drinking water and/or other beverage.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	d. Privacy during consultation with family, guardian and/or lawyer.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	e. Provided blankets and clothing, as necessary, to assure the comfort of the minor (when placed in a locked room).
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	f. Permitted to retain and wear his or her personal clothing unless the clothing is inadequate, presents a health or safety problem or is required to be utilized as evidence of an offense.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	g. Within one hour after being taken to a place of confinement, except where physically impossible, the minor shall be given the right to make at least two phone calls, one to a parent or guardian, and another to an attorney. (W & I Section 627 (b))

YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. There shall be no contact between minors held in temporary custody (secure detention and non-secure custody), and adult prisoners who are detained in a law enforcement facility except as provided by Section 1546 of these regulations. (Title 15 Section 1144)
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Check One:		Requirements:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. While in secure detention, minors may be locked in a room or other secure enclosure, secured to a cuffing rail, or otherwise reasonably restrained as necessary to prevent escape and protect the minor and others from harm. Contact between adult prisoners and minors who are either in secure detention or non-secure custody in a law enforcement facility shall be restricted as follows:
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. No communication between minors and adult prisoners is allowed. (Title 15 Section 1146)
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. If minors are being held in secure detention, adult prisoners are allowed to be in the same room or passageway, where they have sight or sound contact with each other in limited situations, including: (1) booking; (2) medical screening; (3) inmate worker presence while performing work necessary for the operation of the law enforcement facility; and (4) movement of persons in custody within the facility. (Title 15 Section 1144 & 1146)

Check One:		6. All minors held in (secure detention) meet the following criteria: (W & I 207.1 (d) (I) (c))
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. The minor(s) is 14 years of age or older.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. There are facts or circumstances present that would lead a prudent peace officer to conclude that further criminal activity against persons or self destructive acts on the part of the minor are likely, or that the minor may be at risk of harm if released.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. A brief time is required to investigate the case; facilitate release of the minor to a parent or guardian, or arrange for the transfer of the minor to an appropriate juvenile facility.

Check One:		7. All locked rooms and enclosures where minors are securely detained: (Within Title 15 Sections 8-11; Title 24 Part 1&2)
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Meet all applicable health, fire and safety requirements.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Have seats for minors in the form of chairs or benches.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Have temperature control and ventilation adequate to maintain a comfortable environment.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	d. Have lighting appropriate to the time of day and activity.

Check One:		8. Minors placed in locked rooms received adequate supervision which, at a minimum, includes (Title 15 Section 1147):
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Constant auditory access to staff by the minor.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Unscheduled personal visual observation of the minor by staff of the law enforcement facility, no less than every thirty minutes, which shall be documented.

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. If minors are held in secure detention outside of a locked enclosure, they are secured to a stationary object for no more than thirty minutes unless no other locked enclosure is available, a staff person from the facility shall be present at all times to assure the minor's safety while secured to a stationary object. Securing minors to a stationary object for longer than 30 minutes, and every 30 minutes thereafter, shall be approved by the watch commander and the reasons for continued secure detention shall be documented. (Title 15 Section 1148).
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Check One:	10. A log or written record is maintained for each minor who is securely detained which shows the following (W & I 207.1(d) (I) (F)):	
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. The offense that is the basis for the secure detention.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. The reasons and circumstances forming the basis for the secure detention.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. The length of time the minor was securely detained.
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	11. All minors who are held in non-secure custody shall receive constant personal visual supervision by staff of the law enforcement facility. Entry and release times shall be documented and made available for review. Monitoring a minor using audio, video, or other electronic devices shall never replace personal visual supervision. (Title 15 Section 1150)

Comments:

Sgt. Corranza was very accommodating, cordial and seemed to have a good understanding of the Title 15 guidance/instructions. When asked, he said they had copies of all required inspections (BSCC, fire, health, etc.), but he never provided them for us. When they provided us with their secure/non-secure retention logs, he told us they had several instances of youth detained longer than 6 hours. When inspecting the logs, we discovered two youths in February that showed they were detained on a bench for 9 hours 45 minutes. We queried Sgt. Corranza for details to explain this, and asked if they could have been taken somewhere for treatment, for example, and not properly signed out and back in. He did not know. In another instance, three youths were detained for 6 hours 02 minutes for shoplifting. He thought the excessive time was due to investigating officer being alone on the case, and it took extra time to investigate/report three individuals. We also found several cases of detention log entries being whited out. We had Sgt. Corranza look into these--one was an adult detained entered in error to the other case and could not be explained, but it involved a minor charged with 187PC. He was instructed that white out was never to be used and instead make a line out of erroneous entries

Recommendations:

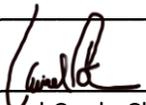
It was recommended that their department develop a binder to maintain copies of all inspections. It was also advised that they start putting the relationship of the person to whom the juvenile is released to in the detention logs. We advised them to better explain details, if a youth needs to be detained longer than normal and to put much greater emphasis on not exceeding the six hour limitation.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department, was inspected on October 29, 2020 and **IS** / **IS NOT** suitable for the detention of minors.

We wish to thank the staff for their assistance with our inspection.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Riverside County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)


 Laurel Cook, Chair

 January 31, 2021
 Date

cc: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court – Judith Clark
 Chief Probation Officer – Ronald L. Miller II
 Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)