



TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS



HARRIS COUNTY

HOUSTON, TEXAS

SUBJECT: COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

- The facility was inspected on the date indicated below, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.
- Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).
- This facility was inspected on the date indicated below. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

Authenticated:

Russell S. Biehle
Inspector Russell S. Biehle

June 13-17, 2005
Date(s) of Inspection

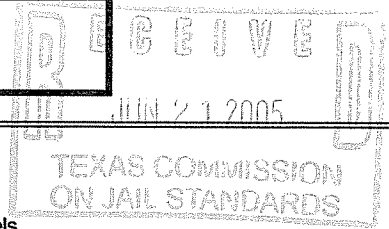
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Inspector

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
Annual Jail Report



County: Harris
 Sheriff: Tommy B. Thomas Judge: Robert Eckels
 Jail Administrator: Mike Smith Inspector: RSB Russell S. Biehle / Brandon Wood / George Johnson

Last Inspection: 5/17-21/04 Certified: Yes No Inspection Date(s): 6/13-17/05
 Remedial Order: Yes No Effect: Not applicable.

Reportable Incidents: Fires: 0 Deaths: 11 Suicides: 1
 Previous 12 months: Escapes: 3 (Walkaway 0 Secured 3)
 Date Plans Approved: 6/22/1998

1. Facility Name Harris County Jail Type: Max Drill Time: 1 min 57 sec
 Address: 1200 Baker St., Houston, TX Zip Code: 77002 Number of Variances: 0
 Phone # (713) 755-8411 Fax # (713) 755-7541 Facility Capacity: 4261
 Built: 2002 Renovated: NA Addition: NA Average Daily Population: 3186
 Population this Date: 3447
2760 bunks available at time of inspection due to closed floors 3 and 5.

2. Facility Name Harris County Jail Type: Max Drill Time: 1 min 42 sec
 Address: 701 N. San Jacinto, Houston, TX Zip Code: 77002 Number of Variances: 0
 Phone # (713) 755-6067 Fax # (713) 755-8405 Facility Capacity: 4006
 Built: 1991 Renovated: NA Addition: NA Average Daily Population: 4450
 Population this Date: 4693

3. Facility Name Harris County Jail Type: Min Drill Time: 47 seconds
 Address: 1307 Baker St., Houston, TX Zip Code: 77002 Number of Variances: 1
 Phone # (713) 755-2400 Fax # (713) 755-2298 Facility Capacity: 1072
 Built: 1998 Renovated: NA Addition: 2001 Average Daily Population: 844
 Population this Date: 626
720 bunks available at time of inspection due to closed housing units.

Housing Capacity <u>9483</u>		Holding/Detox/Violent Capacity <u>477</u>		Females <u>1163</u> <small>(Female Population Today)</small>	
Cells	Capacity	Cells	Capacity	# of Cells	<u>307</u>
Sep Cells		Holding Cells		# of Bunks	<u>960</u>
Single Cells		Detoxification Cells			
M.O. Cells		Violent Cells			
Dorms					
Neg Press Cells					
Medical Cells					
			Construction Security Level		Contract Inmates
			Minimum Capacity	<u>1216</u>	100 + Capacity (30% + Non - TX)
			Medium Capacity	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
			Maximum Capacity	<u>8267</u>	

Population: (During Inspection) **Housing** 8766 **Hold/Detox/Violent** 188 **Total System Population** 8954

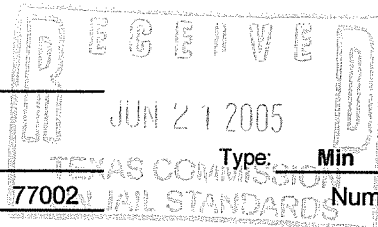
Total Inspection Time: 100 Hours **Total Average Daily Population** 8480
3 Inspectors

Interview with Court Representative: Yes No

Sheriff _____

Commissioners Court Representative _____

Inspection Date(s): 6/13-17/0



4. Facility Name Harris County Jail
Address: 711 N. San Jacinto, Houston, TX Zip Code: 77002
Phone # (713) 755-8420 Fax # (713) 755-8405
Built: 1991 Renovated: NA Addition: 1998

Type: Min Drill Time: Test Only
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 144
Average Daily Population: 122
Population this Date: 0

Closed at the time of inspection.

5. Facility Name Inmate Processing Center
Address: 1201 Commerce, Houston, TX Zip Code: 77002
Phone # (713) 755-8050 Fax # (713) 755-4867
Built: 1991 Renovated: NA Addition: NA

Type: Intake Drill Time: 47 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 400
Average Daily Population: 341
Population this Date: 188

6. Facility Name Court Holding Cells
Address: 1201 Franklin, Houston, TX Zip Code: 77002
Phone # (713) 755-6386 Fax # (713) 368-9368
Built: 2001 Renovated: 2002 Addition: NA

Type: RHC Drill Time: 50 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 263
Average Daily Population: Various
Population this Date: Various

7. Facility Name Humble Lock-Up
Address: 7900 Will Clayton Blvd, Humble, TX Zip Code: 77038
Phone # (281) 446-3252 Fax # (281) 446-7256
Built: 2003 Renovated: NA Addition: NA

Type: LU Drill Time: 31 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 10
Average Daily Population: 10
Population this Date: 4

8. Facility Name Clay Road Lock-Up
Address: 16715 Clay Rd., Houston, TX Zip Code: 77084
Phone # (281) 463-4174 Fax # (281) 463-8246
Built: 1979 Renovated: NA Addition: NA

Type: LU Drill Time: 43 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 6
Average Daily Population: 6
Population this Date: 2

9. Facility Name Clearlake Lock-Up
Address: 16603 Buccaneer, Clearlake City, TX Zip Code: 77062
Phone # (281) 488-4717 Fax # (281) 488-3757
Built: 1977 Renovated: NA Addition: NA

Type: LU Drill Time: 34 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 11
Average Daily Population: 7
Population this Date: 1

10. Facility Name Cypresswood Lock-Up
Address: 6831 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX Zip Code: 77379
Phone # (281) 376-9047 Fax # (281) 376-6153
Built: 1979 Renovated: NA Addition: NA

Type: LU Drill Time: 42 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 10
Average Daily Population: 10
Population this Date: 4

11. Facility Name Wallisville Lock-Up
Address: 14350 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX Zip Code: 77049
Phone # (713) 455-8071 Fax # (713) 451-8802
Built: 1988 Renovated: NA Addition: NA

Type: LU Drill Time: 41 seconds
Number of Variances: 0
Facility Capacity: 5
Average Daily Population: 5

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COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

COUNTY OF HARRIS

DATE: June 17, 2005

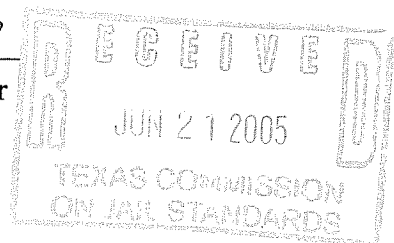
AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.133, .134, .135, .136	Single cells, Multiple Occupancy Cells, Dormitories, and Dayrooms have been utilized above their approved capacities at 1200 Baker St. and 701 San Jacinto.
2	275	.4	<p>The Harris County Jail System fails to meet the 1:48 officer to inmate ratio for direct inmate supervision at 1200 Baker and 701 San Jacinto.</p> <p>711 N. San Jacinto, Floors 3 and 5 at 1200 Baker St., and over 400 beds at 1307 Baker St. have been depopulated due to staffing reasons. The Harris County Jail has closed/depopulated 1,584 beds throughout the system due to staffing shortfalls. This has resulted in 1,280 inmates being housed on the floor. These types of overcrowded conditions have created:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Safety and security concerns2. Life safety concerns3. Sanitation issues

Overpopulation of housing areas beyond their designed capacity results in a deficiency of the required inmate to fixture ratio for toilets, lavatories, showers and seating. This continued overuse requires additional maintenance in these areas and will decrease the life expectancy of these fixtures and the physical plant as a whole.

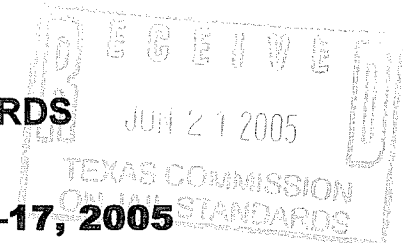


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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
 REQUIREMENTS REVIEW**



County: **HARRIS**

Date: **June 13-17, 2005**

		REVIEWED BY:	COMMENTS
259	New Construction	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility. See inspection report.
261	Existing Construction	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety:	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews. Technical assistance provided.
265	Admission	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.
267	Release	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed a random sample of 50 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records and Procedures	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation.
271	Classification	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed a random selection of 50 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff. Technical assistance provided.
273	Health Services	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed a random selection of 50 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy.
275	Supervision/Staff - Adequate, Qualified	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed a random selection of 50 officer TCLEOSE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff. See inspection report.
277	Personal Hygiene	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.
279	Sanitation	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy.
281	Food Service	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff and discussed issues concerning diabetic diets. Reviewed documentation.
283.1	Discipline	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed 30 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.2	Grievance	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed 50 inmate grievances. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates.
285	Exercise	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates.

287	Education and Library	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
289	Work Assignments	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.1	Telephone	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.2	Correspondence	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.3	Commissary	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.4	Visitation	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.5	Religious Practices	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
xxx	Variances	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Reviewed facility variiances.
xxx	Remedial Orders	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	<i>Russell Biehle</i>	Not applicable.

