

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
CLOVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION REPORT 2020**

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FACILITY NAME: Cloverdale Police Department INSPECTION DATE 12/31/2020  
LAST INSPECTION: 09/17/2019

ADDRESS: 112 Broad Street Cloverdale, CA 95425

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FACILITY MANAGER: Chief of Police Jason Ferguson

STAFF INTERVIEWED: Lieutenant Chris Parker

PRESIDING JUVENILE COURT JUDGE: The Honorable Ken Gness

COMMISSION CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMISSION INSPECTION TEAM:	

<u>JAMES WEATHERS</u>	
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**MAJOR CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Although the facility is one of the oldest in the county it is well maintained. The building is constructed of concrete blocks and outside windows are at a minimum however the air conditioning unit(s) circulates fresh cool air through out the entire holding area.

No changes in procedures would seem to be warranted at this time. Staff seems genuinely concerned with providing a safe environment for the youths in their temporary custody.

In most instances juveniles are cited and released in the field or transported directly to Juvenile Hall without being brought into the facility. In some instances, however, a juvenile might be brought into the station until a parent or guardian can come to the station to take custody of the detainee.

**CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION**

**Are minors provided with orientation?**

Per existing procedures in which all juvenile detainees are brought in to the facility they are made aware of the reason they are being detained and that they will be held at the station only until they can be either released to the custody of their parents or transported to the Juvenile Hall facility in Santa Rosa. These procedures have not changed since our inspection in 2019.

**Purpose of secure detention:**

Secure detention in a holding cell or at the cuffing bar is seldom if ever used and then only for violent juveniles who might pose a danger to themselves or to the officers. The one exception being that if adults are being brought into the station the juvenile may be temporarily placed in a holding cell for their safety and to avoid contact with the adults.

**Length of time secure detention expected to last:**

Secure detention must be authorized by the duty sergeant and if warranted re-evaluated every thirty minutes. In virtually all instances secure detention is terminated well within the first hour after the juvenile has had a chance to “cool down” or until the adult detainees are no longer in the area. Departmental logs indicate all juvenile detainees (including those in secure detention)) were either released to their parents/guardians or transported to Juvenile Hall well within six hours.

**Maximum six-hour time limit:**

The maximum six hour time limit for the detention of all juveniles at the jail facility is strictly enforced.

**CONDITIONS OF CELL/LOCKED ROOM****Proximity to adult inmates:**

Every precaution is taken to insure there is no contact between the minors and adults. As mentioned above should an adult be brought into the station the youth is moved temporarily into a holding cell away from adult detainees. These situations are closely monitored to ensure that no communication between the adult and youth takes place.

**Ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor:**

Juveniles are under constant supervision while at the station even though this takes staff away from their other duties, therefore it is imperative that juveniles are processed and moved out of the facility as quickly as possible.

**Constant auditory access to staff:**

Per policy no juvenile is ever to be out of “ear shot” of staff. In most cases they are under constant visual supervision.

**Provided with a snack if requested:**

Juvenile detainees are provided with a snack or light fast food meal if requested.

**Access to toilets and washing facilities:**

Toilet and washing facilities are present and available to all juvenile detainees.

**Access to drinking fountain or water:**

Drinking fountain and/or bottled water is available for the detainees.

**Provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort:**

A locker with clean blankets is maintained for persons requiring them.

**CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE  
(E.G. CUFFING RAIL)****Assure no “contact” with adult inmates:**

As mentioned above the cuffing is very seldom used and if used, procedures insure minimal (virtually no) contact with adults.

**30 Minute limit and watch commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter:**

In those rare instances in which the use of the cuffing rail might be required it would require the approval of the duty sergeant and would have to be re-authorized every 30 minutes. No juveniles were restrained with a cuffing rail during this reports period.

**Minors placed in cell when one becomes available:**

Juveniles are very seldom placed in a cell since their stay at the station is of such short duration. However, should it be necessary juveniles would be placed in the cell across from the booking area ensuring no contacts with adult detainees.

**Access to toilet and washing facilities:**

Yes.

**Access to drinking fountain:**

Yes.

**CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION**

**Constant supervision:**

Yes, both visual and auditory.

**Males and females in same room:**

Whether juveniles or adults, males and females never share a room.

**List the names, dates, starting and ending time and circumstances for all minors held in the law enforcement facility longer than six hours. Use additional pages if necessary.**

All juvenile detainees were released well within the six hour maximum retention standard.

**MINORS INTERVIEWED (COMMENTS)**

No minors were in custody at the time of this inspection.