

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION REPORT 2020

Please respond to sections that apply to facility you are inspecting. Type or print clearly.

FACILITY NAME: Sebastopol Police Department

INSPECTION DATE: 12/31/2020

LAST INSPECTION: 5/23/2019

ADDRESS: 6850 Laguna Parkway Sebastopol, CA 95472

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FACILITY MANAGER: Chief of Police Donald Mort

STAFF INTERVIEWED: Lieutenant Greg Devore & Officer Schott

PRESIDING JUVENILE COURT JUDGE: The Honorable Ken Gness

COMMISSION CHAIR: _____

NAME(s)

SIGNATURE(S)

COMMISSION INSPECTION TEAM:

Mary Cone

Signature

James Weathers

Signature

MAJOR CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Departmental policies regarding the treatment of juvenile offenders at this facility appear to be fully in line with the California Board of State and Community Corrections Policies and Procedures. No concerns or recommendations concerning this facility are indicated at this time.

CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION

Are minors provided with orientation?

Juveniles brought into the facility are given an orientation regarding why they are there, what to expect while in the facility and what is going to happen next e.g. release to a parent or guardian, referral to a diversion program or transfer to juvenile hall.

Purpose of secure detention:

In very few instances is the juvenile actually placed in a cell. In most instances he or she is processed at the computer station next to the sally port and would be moved to a cell only if adult offenders were being brought through that area or they were considered to be a threat to themselves or others.

Length of time secure detention expected to last:

Juveniles are retained in the facility only long enough to determine the appropriate action(s) to be taken in their particular case. As mentioned above these actions may include: release to a parent or guardian, citation and release, referral to a diversion program or transfer to juvenile hall. The length of time when a minor would actually be kept in secure is minimal.

Maximum six-hour time limit

The under maximum 6 hour time limit for the detention of a minor is strictly enforced. In virtually all cases the minor is released within less than two hours. A review of the department's logs do not indicate that any juveniles were kept in secure detention during this review period.

CONDITIONS OF CELL/LOCKED ROOM

Proximity to adult inmates:

In those very few instances in which a juvenile is actually detained in a cell, it is separate and apart from adult offenders.

Ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor:

All detained juveniles are constantly under visual and auditory surveillance by staff. Cells contain video cameras and microphones which are constantly monitored by police personnel while occupied.

Constant auditory access to staff:

See above.

Provided with a snack if requested:

Snacks, soft drinks or juice are available from the vending machine on site.

Access to toilets and washing facilities:

Holding cells are equipped with toilets and washing facilities.

Access to drinking fountain or water:

Detainees may use the available drinking fountain or receive bottled water.

Provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort:

Blankets are available should they be needed.

CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE
(E.G. CUFFING RAIL)

Cuffing rails are not utilized at this facility in fact, there are none.

Assure no “contact” with adult inmates:

N/A

Constant Supervision:

N/A

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

N/A

Minors placed in cell when one becomes available:

N/A

Access to toilet and washing facilities:

N/A

Access to drinking fountain:

N/A

CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION

Constant supervision:

While in custody all minors are always kept within sight of police personnel.

Males and females in same room:

Male and female detainees are never kept in the same 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.

In the last year no minor has been held in either secure or non-secure detention for any length of time even approaching six hours. In most cases the juvenile is either released to a parent or guardian or transferred to Juvenile Hall in less than two hours.

MINORS INTERVIEWED (COMMENTS)

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