



Department of
Rehabilitation & Correction

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October 26, 2015

Sheriff Kyle Overmyer
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Fremont, Ohio 43420

RE: 2015 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Overmyer:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Sandusky County Jail, a full-service jail, was inspected on August 18th and 19th, 2015. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of one hundred and seventeen (117) standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio promulgated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on reception, classification, security, housing, sanitation and environmental conditions, communication, visitation, medical, food service, recreation, inmate discipline, administrative segregation, grievance, staffing, and staff training. The inspection consisted of Inspector Carl Beavin receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having a brief interview with Captain Mark Fisher, Jail Administrator.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Sandusky County Jail is (89), consisting of (77) adult males, (8) adult females, and (4) special housing (adult males and females). On the date of the jail inspection, there were (88) inmates incarcerated in the Sandusky County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is (88), which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Sandusky County Jail (FS) is in compliance with the following standards:

5120:1-8-01 (A) (1), (3), (4), (7), (9), (12); -02(B)(1), (2), (4), (D); -03(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (B)(2),(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) (a), (10)(b), (10)(c), (10) (d), (11)(b), (11)(c), (12), (15), (16), (17)(a); -04(A)(4)(A), (B), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J), (K); -05(A), (B), (C), (E), (H)(3), (I), (J), (K), (L), (M), (N), (O), (P), (Q); -06 (B), (C), (E), (G); -07(A), (D), (E), (H), (I); -09(A), (B), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J), (K), (M), (R), (W), -10(A), (B), (D), (E), (G)(1), (G)(2); -11(A), (B), (E); -12(B), (C), (F), (G), (H); -15(B), (D), (E); -16(A); -17(E), (G); -18(A), (B)

The Sandusky County Jail did not comply with (12) of the standards upon which the facility was inspected. This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility into compliance with the deficiencies noted during the inspection.

5120:1-8-04(C)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure single cells/rooms and multiple occupancy cells/rooms/dormitories shall have an air circulation of fifteen cubic feet of outside or recirculated filtered air per minute per occupant or as required by the local authority having jurisdiction. Documentation from a qualified source shall be maintained by the jail. The jail does not have documentation from a qualified source showing adherence to this standard.

5120:1-8-05(G)(1)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure there is at least twenty foot-candles of light measured thirty inches above the floor in inmate reading areas. On the date of the inspection, the levels measured below 20 foot-candles. Steps must be taken to increase jail lighting in inmate reading areas.

5120:1-8-05(G)(2)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure there is at least fifteen foot-candles of light measured thirty inches above the floor in all inmate accessible areas. On the date of the inspection, the levels measured below 15 foot-candles. Steps must be taken to increase jail lighting in inmate reading areas.

5120:1-8-09(C)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall ensure jail staff have completed training in conducting the receiving screening. The documentation needs to be maintained by the jail to verify the staff members are health trained. No documentation was provided as to the development or review of the procedure by the health authority.

5120:1-8-09(N)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall have a suicide prevention program. The health authority shall have a plan for identifying and responding to suicidal and potentially suicidal inmates. The components shall include: Identification, Training, Assessment, Housing, Monitoring, Referral, Communication, Intervention, Notification, Reporting, Review, and Critical Incident debriefing. The suicide prevention program must be approved by a mental health professional and /or the jails health authority. During the inspection, the jail was not able to produce any documentation, policies, or training records demonstrating compliance with this standard.

5120:1-8-09(P)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices that establish an infectious disease program. The health authority shall have a written infectious disease control program which collaborates with the local health department and shall include, at minimum, an exposure control plan and standard isolation precautions for inmates and staff, which are updated annually. During the inspection, the jail was not able to produce any documentation, policies, or training records demonstrating compliance with this standard.

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5120:1-8-10(C)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall ensure menu cycles and contents shall be evaluated and approved annually by a licensed nutritionist or registered dietician or registered dietitian nutritionist. During the inspection, the jail was not able to show documentation evidencing compliance with the standard.

5120:1-8-10(F)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall ensure all persons involved in the preparation of food shall receive a pre-assignment medical examination and annual re-examinations. During the inspection, the jail was not able to show policy or other documentation supporting compliance with this standard.

5120:1-8-17(D)(1)(2)(3)(Important): Each full-service jail shall have a written, implemented staffing plan that includes jail personnel assignments, days of the week and hours of the day that assignments are covered and any deviations from the plan with the respect to weekends, holidays or other atypical situations. Information obtained on the date of the jail inspection led to the conclusion that there is not enough security staff to safely operate the jail if an emergency would exist.

5120:1-8-17(F)(Important): Each full-service jail shall have a written policy and procedure governing the screening, training, and use of volunteers in the jail. During the inspection, the jail was not able to show policies or other documentation supporting compliance with this standard.

5120:1-8-18(C)(1)(2)(3)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure administrators and supervisors receive training in addition to the training in paragraph (B) of this rule as follows: (1) Training in jail policies and procedures prior to assignment to jail duties; (2) During the first year of assignment, forty hours of training including legal aspects of jail management, managerial principles, labor relations, and records/ information management; and (3) Eight hours of in-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing special issues, skills-enhancement, and other assignment related topics. Training records evidencing compliance for supervisors were not available to evaluate at the time of the inspection.

5120:1-8-18(D)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure jail support staff with occasional contact receive training in pertinent agency policies and procedures prior to or in conjunction with assignment to jail duties. Training records evidencing compliance were not available to evaluate at the time of the inspection.

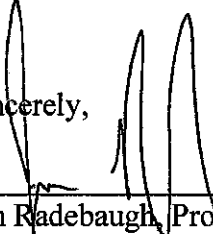
Plan of action forms are enclosed. Completed form(s) and/or corrective materials addressing the noted deficiencies must be completed and returned to the Bureau within 45 days of receipt of this correspondence. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or clarification in this effort. The Department remains available to discuss the aspects of this report or to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

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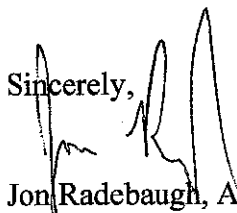
Dear Sheriff Overmyer,

The Bureau of Adult Detention has received the corrective materials you forwarded to our office in response to the annual inspection of the Sandusky County Jail on August 18th and 19th, 2015. We appreciate your efforts in attempting to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio.

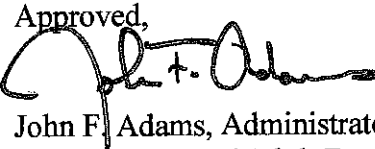
I have reviewed the provided materials. The documentation will increase the level of compliance for the Sandusky County Jail on specific standards reviewed this year. The facility is now in compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-09(C); -09(N); -09(P); -10(C); -10(F); -17(F); and -18(D). The facility remains out of compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-04(C); -05(G)(1); -05(G)(2); -17(D)(1)(2)(3); and -18(C)(1)(2)(3). As a result, the Sandusky County Jail is now compliant with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards making it a “**Compliant Jail**”.

Your continuing effort to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio is to be commended. The Bureau encourages the jail to correct the remaining deficiencies noted in the inspection report prior to the next jail inspection. Congratulations and thank you for your cooperation in the 2015 annual inspection process.

Sincerely,


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