

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS  
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

**Facility Name:** Karnes Co. Correctional Facility

**Date:**

February 11, 2014

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.138(a)(3)	<p>Cell size. The size of the cell shall be determined by the anticipated maximum number of inmates to be confined at any one time. Cells shall be constructed to house from one to 24 inmates and shall contain not less than 40 square feet of floor space for the first inmate and 18 square feet of floor space for each additional inmate to be confined.</p> <p><b>While conducting the walk-through of the facility, it was discovered that there were 46 inmates confined in a holding cell with a capacity of 24. The capacity was visibly marked above the door of the cell.</b></p>
2	263	.56	<p>Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p><b>While reviewing documentation on emergency power equipment, no records could be produced to show weekly tests on the generator. The missing documentation started in the second week of April 2013 and there were no records found for the next eight month period. Records of weekly testing began again in January of 2014 and are currently up-to-date. Documentation requirements were discussed with maintenance department to insure the corrective actions will be maintained.</b></p>
3	279	.1 (2)	<p>Food preparation areas shall be inspected at least annually by health authorities and record kept for each inspection</p> <p><b>During a review of the Annual Health Inspection, it was determined that the kitchen had not been inspected since 11/19/2012 and was past due. Issue could not be corrected prior to concluding the inspection.</b></p>
4	275	.4	<p>Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes. Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions. A plan concurred in by both commissioners' court and sheriff's office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.</p> <p><b>While reviewing staffing rosters, it was determined that the 1 jailer per 48 inmates required ratio was not being met at all times as required by minimum jail standards. On samples reviewed, during every month of 2013, several shifts were found to have a shortage of jailers for the number of inmates in the facility. Shortages were normally between one to two jailers, but in some cases, they were three jailers short of meeting the requirement.</b></p>

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5      273      .5(a)(2)      Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials;

**While reviewing inmate medical files, it was discovered that the facility had no procedure to notify a magistrate in the case of an inmate with prior mental health history on the CCQ system or suicide screening instrument. The CCQs that were received by the department were being maintained in the medical files, but were not being reviewed for substance. This inspector outlined that a procedure for reviewing CCQ's for exact matches and determining possible matches be prepared. Also that the procedure would need to contain how and when the magistrate was notified, in the event of a match on the CCQ or the Suicide/Mental Health Screening form. Also during the review of medical files the one exact match on the CCQ system that was found, was pulled so corrective action could be taken with proper notification.**



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