



County of Riverside
JUVENILE JUSTICE and DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

2024 Lock-Up Inspection Report

Facility Name: Riverside County Sheriff, Colorado River Station Blythe		
Facility Address: 260 N spring St, Blythe Ca 92225		
Inspection Date: 1/24/2024		Last Inspection Date: Unknown
Facility Manager: LT Michael Moulton		
Staff Interviewed:	Lt Moulton	

Commission Inspection Team	
Paul Parker, Vice Chair JJDC	

The following is a check list to assist in reviewing the requirements necessary for compliance with applicable Welfare and Institutions Codes; Title 15 & 24 California Code of Regulations; and Health and Safety Code sections.

Check One:		Requirements:
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	1. Written policies have been adopted concerning minors held in temporary custody (secure detention and non-secure custody), including but not limited to suicide risk and prevention; use of restraints; emergency medical assistance and services; and, prohibiting use of discipline. (Title 15 Section 1142)

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	2. A minor 14 years of age or older who is taken into temporary custody by a peace officer on the basis of being a person described by Section 602, may be securely detained in a law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults for a period that does not exceed six hours. (W&I Code 207.1(d) (I) (B))
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Check One:		3. The following are available to all minors held in temporary custody: (Title 15 Section 1143):
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Reasonable access to toilets and washing facilities.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Snack upon request if the minor has not eaten within four (4) hours or is otherwise in need of nourishment.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Access to drinking water and/or other beverage.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	d. Privacy during consultation with family, guardian and/or lawyer.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	e. Provided blankets and clothing, as necessary, to assure the comfort of the minor (when placed in a locked room).
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	f. Permitted to retain and wear his or her personal clothing unless the clothing is inadequate, presents a health or safety problem or is required to be utilized as evidence of an offense.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	g. Within one hour after being taken to a place of confinement, except where physically impossible, the minor shall be given the right to make at least two phone calls, one to a parent or guardian, and another to an attorney. (W & I Section 627 (b))

YES	NO	4. There shall be no contact between minors held in temporary custody (secure detention
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	and non-secure custody), and adult prisoners who are detained in a law enforcement facility except as provided by Section 1546 of these regulations. (Title 15 Section 1144)
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Check One:		Requirements:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. While in secure detention, minors may be locked in a room or other secure enclosure, secured to a cuffing rail, or otherwise reasonably restrained as necessary to prevent escape and protect the minor and others from harm. Contact between adult prisoners and minors who are either in secure detention or non-secure custody in a law enforcement facility shall be restricted as follows:
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. No communication between minors and adult prisoners is allowed. (Title 15 Section 1146)
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. If minors are being held in secure detention, adult prisoners are allowed to be in the same room or passageway, where they have sight or sound contact with each other in limited situations, including: (1) booking; (2) medical screening; (3) inmate worker presence while performing work necessary for the operation of the law enforcement facility; and (4) movement of persons in custody within the facility. (Title 15 Section 1144 & 1146)

Check One:		Requirements:
		6. All minors held in (secure detention) meet the following criteria: (W & I 207.1 (d) (I) (c))
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. The minor(s) is 14 years of age or older.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. There are facts or circumstances present that would lead a prudent peace officer to conclude that further criminal activity against persons or self destructive acts on the part of the minor are likely, or that the minor may be at risk of harm if released.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. A brief time is required to investigate the case; facilitate release of the minor to a parent or guardian, or arrange for the transfer of the minor to an appropriate juvenile facility.

Check One:		Requirements:
		7. All locked rooms and enclosures where minors are securely detained: (Within Title 15 Sections 8-11; Title 24 Part 1&2)
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Meet all applicable health, fire and safety requirements.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Have seats for minors in the form of chairs or benches.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Have temperature control and ventilation adequate to maintain a comfortable environment.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	d. Have lighting appropriate to the time of day and activity.

Check One:		Requirements:
		8. Minors placed in locked rooms received adequate supervision which, at a minimum, includes (Title 15 Section 1147):
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. Constant auditory access to staff by the minor.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Unscheduled personal visual observation of the minor by staff of the law enforcement facility, no less than every thirty minutes, which shall be documented.

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	9. If minors are held in secure detention outside of a locked enclosure, they are secured to a stationary object for no more than thirty minutes unless no other locked enclosure is available, a staff person from the facility shall be present at all times to assure the
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		minor's safety while secured to a stationary object. Securing minors to a stationary object for longer than 30 minutes, and every 30 minutes thereafter, shall be approved by the watch commander and the reasons for continued secure detention shall be documented. (Title 15 Section 1148).
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Check One:		10. A log or written record is maintained for each minor who is securely detained which shows the following (W & I 207.1(d) (I) (F)):
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	a. The offense that is the basis for the secure detention.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	b. The reasons and circumstances forming the basis for the secure detention.
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. The length of time the minor was securely detained.

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	11. All minors who are held in non-secure custody shall receive constant personal visual supervision by staff of the law enforcement facility. Entry and release times shall be documented and made available for review. Monitoring a minor using audio, video, or other electronic devices shall never replace personal visual supervision. (Title 15 Section 1150)
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Comments: Good operation. Very few minors held in this facility. Need to understand where minors in Blythe are being held if not here with rare exception. Blythe Police Department??????


Recommendations:

The _____ Blythe _____ Police Department, was inspected on __Jan 24, 2024_____ and
IS ☐ / IS NOT ☐ suitable for the detention of minors.

We wish to thank the staff for their assistance with our inspection.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Riverside County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP)



Paul Parker

Jan 24 2024
Date

Date



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Chris Collopy, Chair

4/11/2021
Date

cc: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court - Mark E. Petersen
Chief Probation Officer - Ronald L. Miller
Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)