Facility Name: Redwood City Police Department
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Date of Inspection: 17 June 2019
Date of Last Inspection: 23 May 2018
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Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Susan Irene Etezadi

Observations, Concerns, and Recommendations
Detention Log of Minors Reviewed? X Yes □ No

Are detention logs periodically forwarded to the California Division of Juvenile Justice? X Yes □ No
How frequently? Monthly, even if no juveniles were in secure detention in that month.

Are logs current, complete and legible? X Yes □ No Comments: 

Do logs reflect entry and exit times? X Yes □ No Comments: 

Are reasons for secured detention noted? X Yes □ No Comments: 

Is the offense noted? X Yes □ No Comments: Four youth were arrested together for a series of liquor store break-ins. They were brought to the PD to sort out which of the ~$500 worth of stolen goods (alcohol and cigarettes) in their car belonged to which store. There are only two non-secure interview rooms available. In order to interview them separately, they had to use the two interview rooms in their jail. During the interview process each youth was attended to by a single officer because there were 4 youth and not enough officers on duty for more to supervise them and still be available for other calls for service.

Fire Inspection Report Reviewed? X Yes □ No Date: 5/30/19
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Any recommendations/concerns from last inspection? Have these been implemented?: __There were no recommendations or concerns from this inspection or the previous one.

Health Department Report Reviewed? ☒ Yes ☐ No Date: 12/29/17

Any recommendations/concerns from last inspection? Have these been implemented?:

They have a letter from the Health Department dated 17 June 2019, on file that says the Health Department had to defer the 2018 inspection because they did not have sufficient staff.

General Information

Number of minors held in detention during inspective review period:

Secured 2 Non-Secured 2

Are minors given an orientation when they are being detained? (Section 1540): ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe: They try to avoid bringing juveniles into the department and deal with them where they are arrested (on the street or other public domain) or take them to YSC. If they are brought into the department they are oriented at that time.

How are minors in custody supervised?

In a Locked Cell (Section 1547)? ☒ If in a locked cell, an officer is with them at all times.

In Secure Custody outside of a cell (Section 1548)? N/A

In Non-Secure Custody (Section 1550)? An officer is with them at all times. One interview room has a window, the other doesn’t.

How often are minors in custody observed? (Section 1548):

In a Locked Cell? Audio and video is recorded at all times when someone is in the secured room.

In Secure Custody outside of a cell?

In Non-Secure Custody? Camera is on only during an interview.

How are minors in custody observed (video, audio device, personal observation, Section 1547)?:
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Is the observation logged?: ☑ Yes ☐ No Comments: 

Is there constant auditory access to staff at all times?: ☑ Yes ☐ No Comments: An officer is present with them.

Is there any contact with adult inmates?: ☐ Yes ☑ No Comments: 

Are males and females kept in the same room/area?: ☐ Yes ☑ No Comments: If a male and a female juvenile were brought in together, they would be separated on arrival, to be interviewed separately. They might be within eyesight of each other.

Are drinks (water) and snacks available, if requested?: ☑ Yes ☐ No Comments: Snacks, drinks, candy bars. Juveniles are asked about any allergies before being provided with food.

Is there access to toilets and washing facilities: ☑ Yes ☐ No Comments: They are taken to the restroom on request.

Are there provisions available for clothing, blankets, etc.?: ☑ Yes ☐ No Comments: They have blankets and TYVEK suits if needed. No regular street clothes are available.

List the names, dates, intake and release times, and circumstances for all minors held for longer than six hours. (Attach any additional documents if necessary. Names will be redacted prior to publication.):

None were detained longer than 6 hours. The two noted above were there slightly over 2 hours.

Secured Detention

Was the secured detention area observed? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Is the secured detention area a locked room? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Is a cuffing rail used for secured detention? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Comments: They do not have a cuffing rail.

Are minors in secured detention informed of the following?:

The purpose/reason for being placed in secured detention: ☑ Yes ☐ No

The length of time the secure detention is expected to last: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Informed of the six-hour limit of being held in secured detention: ☑ Yes ☐ No
For what purpose/reasons would a minor be placed in secured detention?: ___ As in the case cited, there were not enough non-secure interview rooms available to accommodate all four juveniles brought in for the same charges. Juveniles would also be placed in secure detention if they were considered to be a flight risk or if violent.

How often is secured detention reviewed and by whom? Monthly by Lt Cochran who reports to BSCC.

Have any minors been held in secured detention for more than six hours?: ☐ Yes ☒ No

What is the proximity of the secured detention area to adult inmates? ___ There is a separate sally port they can use for adults if they have juveniles in the secure detention interview rooms. There would be no contact of any kind between the adult and the juveniles.

Describe the procedure for intoxicated or substance abusing minors: ___ If they encounter a juvenile under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they would call a paramedic to evaluate them and determine whether they needed to be taken to the hospital.

How frequently are intoxicated/impaired minors observed? They would not be taken into the PD.

Is this observation documented in the logs?: ☐ Yes ☐ No N/A

If cuffing rail is used: They do not have one. This is not applicable.

Was cuffing rail observed and procedure explained?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

How are youth secured?

Who approves the use of a cuffing rail? (e.g. Watch Commander): 

How is the minor supervised? How frequently?: 

What time limit is used when using cuffing rails? (30 min. limit): 

Does the detention log note the use of cuffing rails?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments

General comments or concerns that should be noted that haven’t already been addressed?: 

Redwood City’s PD meets all the requirements for juvenile detention. Commissioners recommend that there be constant recording whenever a juvenile is being held in either secure or non-secure detention for the safety of both the officer and the juvenile. We also recommend that there be more than one officer present whenever possible, again to ensure everyone’s safety.