Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
San Mateo County, California

Adult Facility Inspection Report

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Facility Name: Redwood City Police
Address: 1301 Maple St, Redwood City, CA 94063
Contact Person: Ken Cochran, Acting Lieutenant, Administration and Training Division
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Date of Inspection: May 23, 2018
Date of Last Inspection: N/A
Commission Inspection Team: Toni Barrack, Doug Winter
Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Judge Elizabeth Lee

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

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: The reason could be that the crime being investigated is a felony, that the youth is a flight risk, or that there is no space available to hold the youth in the non secure area of the police department.

Is the offense noted? □ X Yes □ No Comments: By Penal Code

Fire Inspection Report Reviewed? X Yes □ No Date: 12/16/2016

Any recommendations/concerns from last inspection? Have these been implemented?: No concerns noted, Fire Reports are biannual. Next report due 2018.

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Health Department Report Reviewed? □ Yes X No Date: 12/8/2017
Any recommendations/concerns from last inspection? Have these been implemented?:

Report summary stated “excellent overall”.

General Information

Number of minors held in detention during inspection review period:


Are minors given an orientation prior to being detained? (Section 1540): □ Yes X No

Describe:

Comments: No standard procedure. Minors are told they are there for an investigation of a crime and will remain as long as the investigation takes. Once complete, they are told when a guardian will pick them up or if they will be going to YSC.

How are minors in custody supervised?

In a Locked Cell (Section 1547)? RWC police do not use locked cells for youth.

In Secure Custody outside of a cell (Section 1548)? Youth are in a small, unlocked investigation room within a locked area in the jail. An officer is present nearby within the locked area.

In Non-Secure Custody (Section 1550)? An officer is present in a room with the minor at all times.

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

In a Locked Cell? N/A

In Secure Custody outside of a cell? The audio/visual system monitors the youth continually. An officer observes youth at least every 15 minutes.

In Non-Secure Custody? Continually with officer in the room.

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How are minors in custody observed (video, audio device, personal observation, Section 1547)? Officers are present in non secure areas. In secure detention, a officer is nearby within the locked area. Additionally, there is continual audio/visual monitoring in secure areas with officer observation every 15 minutes. The monitoring system has recently been upgraded.

Is the observation logged?:  X Yes  □ No  Comments:

Is there constant auditory access to staff at all times?:  X Yes  □ No  Comments:

Are males and females kept in the same room/area?  □ Yes  X No  Comments: The only possible contact would be when the youth is initially brought into custody with an adult that was arrested for the same criminal investigation.

Are drinks (water) and snacks available, if requested?:  X Yes  □ No  Comments: Youth are offered water. If requested, snacks that are on-site will be provided.

Are there access to toilets and washing facilities?:  X Yes  □ No  Comments:

Are there provisions available for clothing, blankets, etc.? :  X Yes  □ No  Comments: Blankets are available if requested.

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
Secured Detention

Was the secured detention area observed? □ Yes □ No

Is the secured detention area a locked room? □ Yes □ No The room is not locked, but it is in a locked section of the jail where an officer is present.

Is a cuffing rail used for secured detention? □ Yes □ No Comments:

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 would be placed in secured detention?: A minor could be placed in secure detention for one of three reasons: 1. The crime being investigated is of a serious nature, generally a felony, 2. the youth is considered a flight risk, or 3. there is no space available in the non secure area for the investigation. In the 2017 case, 3 minors and 1 adult were arrested for armed robbery. The one youth placed in secure custody had been armed and on probation for gang activity.

How often is secured detention reviewed and by whom? Secure detention reports are reviewed monthly by Ken Cochran.

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 no access.

Describe the procedure for intoxicated or substance abusing minors: If there is a safety concern, paramedics are called from the field and the youth is taken to a medical facility. If they are functioning and can care for themselves, youth are monitored by the officer. Youth are taken to the hospital before going to YSC.
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How frequently are intoxicated/impaired minors observed? No minor reported as being impaired.

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

If cuffing rail is used: No used.

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?:

Materials for the inspection were complete and well organized. Facility is orderly and clean.

It is not normal practice to place youth in secure detention. This occurs only when appropriate based on the crime being investigated and/or when space is not available in non-secure areas.

Boxes are checked off in the log books indicating that youth were advised of the purpose of detention, expected duration and the limit of 6 hours. However, there are no standard operating procedures for informing the youth of what to expect when they are brought into the police station. Because the length of an investigation can vary significantly, youth are not told the length of time they should expect to be detained. We recommend, to the degree possible, a standard orientation be given to all youth brought into custody, informing them of the investigation process, an estimate of how long they will be held, and how they will be detained.

Signature of Commissioner(s) preparing this report:

Antoinette Barrack  [Signature]  Date: 5/31/2018

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