

**Finding #1** – The Fairfield Police Department does not have designated holding cells for juveniles.

We agree with this finding.

**Recommendation #1** – *Convert one of the interview rooms into a dual-purpose room for juveniles.*

The recommendation has been implemented through a long-standing procedure. Each of the four temporary holding cells or interview rooms is dual-purpose and can be used for either adults or juveniles as circumstances dictate. This maximizes the department's flexibility to deal with a variety of situations.

It continues to be the policy of the Fairfield Police Department to follow the California Bureau of Corrections guidelines and all applicable laws concerning the detention of juveniles in temporary holding facilities. The Police Department recognizes that minors – regardless of the reason for the detention – may have physical and emotional responses to an arrest that are different from their adult counterparts. In cases of juvenile detention, the arresting officer makes a conscious decision as to whether the detention will be *secure* or *non-secure*.

If it will be a secure detention, the secure juvenile detention area is any of the four temporary holding cells in the booking area.

If it will be a non-secure detention, the non-secure juvenile detention area is the report writing room. Other areas of the building, such as the library or the break room, may be used.

The City of Fairfield appreciates the opportunity to have the Grand Jury inspect our holding area and facilities. These areas are also inspected annually by the California Bureau of Corrections to ensure we are in compliance with all applicable laws and guidelines. We appreciate the work of the Grand Jury and look forward to continuing to work with this group of dedicated individuals.