

SUISUN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDING FACILITY

2006-2007 Solano County Grand Jury

Reason for Inspection

California Penal Code §919 subsection (b) provides: “The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.” Pursuant to the statute, the 2006-2007 Grand Jury inspected the Suisun City Police Department Holding Facility.

Grand Jury Actions

- Toured the department and holding facility with duty officer
- Discussed the department holding process
- Inspected the holding cell
- Reviewed Corrections Standards Authority Inspection Report

Background / Summary

The Suisun City Police Department (Department) has one holding cell, a Sally Port and gun lockers. The holding cell can accommodate a maximum of three individuals. On the day of our inspection, no individuals were being held. However, 90 percent of the individuals arrested are booked at the main jail in Fairfield. The Department does not house individuals overnight. Juveniles are rarely brought to this facility. The last log-in of a juvenile was in 2005. The facility appeared clean during our inspection.

The Department has 37-38 employees; 24 are sworn police officers and six of those officers were on duty during our inspection. The officers work 12-hour shifts. We were informed that the Department overtime rate is approximately 15 to 20 percent.

The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice, Penal Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations Title 15 and Title 24 and the Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities require the inspection of detention facilities. The biennial inspections by the Corrections Standards Authority, the Environmental Health and Medical/Mental Health inspections were conducted in 2006 with no deficiencies cited. Our inspection determined however, that the Suisun City Fire Department’s required annual inspection was last conducted in April 2005.

Findings and Recommendations

Finding 1 – Overtime appears high.

Recommendation 1 – Take the necessary steps to reduce overtime.

Finding 2 – The fire inspections at the Suisun City Police Department had not been conducted in 2006 as of the time of our visit.

Recommendation 2 – Ensure that fire inspections are conducted in a timely manner.

Comments

We commend the Suisun City Police Department community involvement efforts through their Diversion Program using non-sworn officers, Volunteer Program, National Night Out Program and their annual Citizens and Teen Academy.

Affected Agencies

- Suisun City Police Department
- Suisun City Fire Department
- City Manager - Suisun City
- City Council - Suisun City

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