



PREVIOUS INSPECTION: _____ Location: _____
Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections

Courts _____ Jails _____ Sheriff Stations _____

COMMISSIONER(S): _____ TIME _____ DATE _____

FACILITY NAME:	
ADDRESS:	/ LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED:
Census:	Capacity: (_____) Current Census: (_____)
Location(s) Inspected:	
Issues Reported to:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOS <input type="checkbox"/> Officer in Charge <input type="checkbox"/> LASD <input type="checkbox"/> ISD <input type="checkbox"/> OIG <input type="checkbox"/> COC

RATING: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory CA = Corrective Action Needed N/A = Not Applicable

ITEMS	RATING	COMMENTS
1. Conditions of Confinement		
Cells/Toilets/Sinks		
Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)		
Crowding		
Cleanliness/Graffiti		
Safety, Conflict, Tension		
Common Areas		
Air Quality/Temperature		
Deputy/Detainee Relations (incl. specific incidents or allegations of misconduct)		
Strip Search Issues		
Access (Drinking Water)		
Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)		
Access (Toilets (for common room))		
Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)		
Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)		
Access (Legal Counsel)		
Access (Visitation, correspondence)		
Solitary Confinement		
Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)		
Special needs populations (pregnant, non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally ill, medical conditions, developmental disability)		
Module Information Postings (re: time calculations, complaint procedures, messages to SBC)		
Complaint Procedures (e.g., Deputy, medical complaints – confidential procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)		
Fees Assessed/Money on Books		
Other: _____		
2. Nutrition Quality/concerns		
Access to special diets		
3. Trustees		

Quarters		
Training & Selection		
Workload and Hours		
Calculation/Time Served		
4. Medical Services (Access, wait times, responsiveness, TB and other medical screening, dental, vision; infectious disease protocol)		
5. Mental Health Services (Access, wait Times, treatment options, assessment procedures)		
6. Telephones Access/Functionality		
7. EBI Services Availability/Type/Access Volunteer Services (Type, Access, Concerns)		high school diploma.
8. Clean Clothing and Bedding (Including laundry practices)		
9. Facilities/Maintenance		
Back Log Unfilled Order(s)		
Kitchen/ Laundry		
Chemical exposure (kitchen, laundry, trustee duties)		
10. Deputy Staffing		
Quality of Interactions w/Detainees		
Use of Force (Last 30 days)		
Assault on Staff (Last 30 days)		
Staff Training (MH, trauma informed etc.)		
11. Detainee Complaints/Concerns		
12. Deputy Complaints/Concerns		
13. Prior Corrective Action Resolution		
14. Detainee Documentation (e.g., intake/release, procedures: classification, logs, detainee management files, Exit interview – policies/procedure grievances, generated funds, classifications)		
15. Discipline Proceedings		
16. Emergency Preparedness/Systems (e.g., fire extinguishers, air pack tags, emergency evacuation routes, control centers, emergency lighting fixtures, safety drills, First Aid and Suicide kits)		
17. Grounds (conditions, unlawful postings on exterior grounds (e.g., if ever been convicted cannot visit a detainee, etc.)		
18. Inspection: Special Focus OIG: _____ COC: _____ Community: _____		
19. COVID-19: _COC Request_____		
20. PREA Issues:_____		
21. Other: _____		

This report combines observations from multiple visits to Men's Central Jail that were intended to collect inmate programming surveys. These visits were not intended to be inspections, but conditions were observed and are being reported.

Mask Policy

Last week, DPH created a new masking policy for the jails that aligns with state guidelines. Specifically, the policy allows individual-preference in the jails (a) in areas that are non-clinical (specified in the guidelines) and (b) if there's no outbreak in the facility. Currently, DPH has identified ongoing "active outbreaks" at every jail facility and therefore masks should be required under the policy. Yet when I visited MCJ on Tuesday, hardly LASD personnel was wearing masks, including in the clinical areas. Other Commissioners reported similar findings at CRDF. The Sheriff's Watch Commander at MCJ told me about the new individual preference policy as pursuant to Dr. Henderson's orders. In an email, Dr. Henderson confirmed this, stating that outbreak areas are subdivided based on the "specific location" of the COVID exposure. I did not see this exception in the policy. Even there were an exception, I don't see how it could apply since there are, according to DPH, current active outbreaks among staff and inmates at MCJ, and since contact tracing is not occurring in the jail facilities.

2700

On September 22, 2022, I was present at MCJ and received numerous complaints from 2700 that there is no hot water in the cells. I requested the C.O. to file a request for maintenance. When I repeated the request to the Watch Commander (Rodriguez), he was familiar with the situation and told me that there have been multiple emergency requests for hot water in 2700 but the problem has not been resolved. Design requirements for wash basins in single and double person cells, such as those in 2700, are Title 24, Section 1231.3.2(6), state "wash basins must be provided with hot and cold or tempered water." One inmate here told me he hasn't had hot water in his cell for more than one year.

I reported this concern to Commander Macias on September 22 via email. He responded that there was an apparent miscommunication between me and Lieutenant Rodriguez regarding the hot water concern, that there been no work orders to address the hot water concern. He also told me that a plumber went to the facility and measured the water at 120 degrees, and that the faucets do not expel water but there will be a "short delay, where the control needs to be held down to allow water to cycle through the pipes." He further indicated that they would hold a Town Hall to discuss the hot water issue.

On September 27, I returned to 2700 where I was told by the complaining inmate that a plumber had indeed come to check on the pipes, that they did receive hot water briefly, but that the hot water soon dissipated and the problem returned. I asked the inmate about holding down the faucet switch to wait for a "short delay," and the inmate told me (a) that it is impossible to hold down the faucet switch because it has a timed release, and (b) it does not matter how many times they press the faucet button, the water does not get hot. I asked the inmates if they had made any complaints about the hot water, and they told me they had not because they do not expect anything to change the issue.

3400

Also on September 27, I visited 3400, where I observed a shower running water constantly, despite the fact that nobody was using the shower. In the cell adjacent to the shower (3400B2), the inmates told me that their ceiling was collapsing. I walked upstairs to the upper tier to see what the cause of the ceiling collapse might be. I found a shower leaking water onto the row and into the cell directly above the collapsing ceiling. I informed the watch commander who verbally requested a sergeant to put in an emergency order. On September 29, I returned to 3400, where I found nothing had changed. I asked the inmates on the lower tier about the running shower, and they told me it had been running constantly *all year*. I asked them to explain their knowledge of the situation. They told me the switch was broken. They also explained that the showers in the adjacent trustee row were running at full stream for close to an hour as a strategy to provide hot water to that row. I felt the running water in 3400 and it was warm. I informed Commander Macias of this matter on September 29, 2022 via email.

I can only speculate that these shower issues are related, the hot water being drained from the system by broken shower heads in 3400. Each of these modules with plumbing issues are located on the "old side" of the jail system. While on 3400, the showers run at full stream for days, if not weeks or months on end, on 2700, the inmates have no hot water. These are issues that should not require an inmate to complain to request a work order. These are issues affecting the common areas, and they are in apparent disrepair due to apparent neglect.