



PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

Rocklin City Police Station and Holding Facility

Annual Inspection

June 23, 2016



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Summary

The 2015-2016 Placer County Grand Jury conducted its annual inspection and tour of the Rocklin City Police Station and holding facility located at 4080 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, on September 23, 2015. The Grand Jury was satisfied with the conditions and operations that were observed, with the exception of the noted recommendation.

Background

Section 919(b) of the California Penal Code mandates “The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within the county.”

Investigation Methods

Sergeant Trent Jewell led the Grand Jury through the facility as they conducted their mandated inspection.

Facts

- The Grand Jury’s inspection of the Rocklin City Police Station (RCPS) jail found a modern facility that accommodates the police department and their indoor shooting range, the fire department administration staff, city emergency dispatch and a state of the art multi-purpose room.
- The RCPS multi-purpose room is used for community events and training for law enforcement and emergency personnel for Rocklin and other agencies in the region. The room can also be used as a regional control and coordination facility in the event of civil emergencies.
- There were no inmates present in any cells during our inspection.

- There are six holding cells that are utilized for a maximum of 24 hours with most stays by detainees of four hours or less. Rocklin Police do most booking activities at the Placer County Main Jail; however, the facility has the capability to process both misdemeanor and felony bookings. These cells were all clean and well maintained.
- There are two juvenile holding cells that are both clean and well maintained.
- Drug testing procedures require officers to turn off lights in the holding area to administer pupil dilation tests. The testing is done in a small enclosed room with no windows. The current lighting must be turned off to properly conduct the test. When the lights are off the room is completely dark. This creates a safety hazard for detainees and police officers as well as a potential threat to police officers from detainees.

Findings

The Grand Jury found that:

- F1. The lack of proper lighting to monitor inmate activities during pupil dilation drug testing is problematic. The existing lighting interferes with the ability to conduct a proper and safe pupil dilation test related to drug and alcohol screening. When the light is turned off to properly conduct the test, the lack of any lighting creates a safety and security threat to detainees and police officers.

Conclusion

The RCPS and holding cells appeared to be well-managed and maintained by staff. The Grand Jury commends the RCPS for its operation and upkeep of its facility. However, the lighting issue in the holding facility is a problem for officer safety.

The Grand Jury also commends the RCPS for working with other community partners and making their facility available for training and regional emergency services.

Recommendations

The Grand Jury recommends that:

- R1. RCPS purchase and install appropriate lighting equipment in its booking and holding area to increase officer and detainee safety.

Request For Responses:

	<u>Recommendations</u> <u>Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
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