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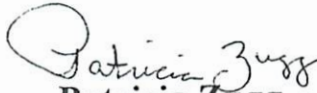
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COUNTY OF TRINITY
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Approved June 20, 2012


Patricia Zugg
Foreperson

Trinity County Grand Jury 2011-12
Judicial Committee
Trinity County Juvenile Detention Center
JUR 2011-12-004

Summary

The Grand Jury is mandated by California Penal Code Section 919 (b) to annually inspect all detention facilities within the borders of Trinity County, which includes the Juvenile Detention Center.

Background

The Juvenile Detention Facility was completed in 2001 and is operated by the Chief Probation Officer and Probation Department staff. The purpose of the facility is to provide a secure location for juveniles to be held pending court appearances and a place of incarceration. It is licensed to house up to 28 juvenile detainees from 7 to 18 years of age.

Method of Investigation

The Grand Jury toured the facility on February 22, 2012. They met with the Chief Probation Officer and staff. Information obtained during the interview included a history of the Center, current number of staff, as well as procedures for housing, security, medical, education, discipline, exercise, and maintenance.

Discussion

During the Grand Jury tour, all areas of the Juvenile Detention Center appeared clean, organized and efficiently run. The interior and exterior of the building, as well as the grounds and exercise area appeared to be in good condition.

The repairs to the shower area had been completed as recommended by the last years' Grand Jury.

A point system is in place offering inmates opportunities to achieve privileges for good behavior versus loss of privileges for bad behavior.

At the present time there are no vocational programs in place.

Community work is and has been done by juvenile inmates, such as splitting and delivering wood with the Lion's Club. It should also be mentioned that the juveniles work at the Animal Shelter and others service work, as budget and staffing allows.

Findings/Recommendations

Finding 1:

The Juvenile Detention Facility was found to provide a secure facility for juveniles.

Recommendation:

None

Finding 2:

The Facility was found to be efficient, organized and well maintained.

Recommendation:

Keep up the good work. No Response is required

Finding 3:

There is a community and work service program in place.

Recommendation 3:

Expand the program to foster self-worth and work ethics. Look for grant funding to expand vocational and other programs.

Request for Responses

In accordance with California Penal Code 933.05, as response is required as indicated below.

Respondent	Recommendation	Due Date*
Trinity County Probation Dept	3	60 days

* Number of days after filing date of this Grand Jury Report