Department of Public Safety & Corrections State of Louisiana

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JAMES M. LE BLANC SECRETARY



September 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Lonorable Becket Breaux

Sheriffof St. Martin Parish

FROM:

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Secretary

RE:

"Basic Jail Guidelines" Monitoring Report

Please see the attached monitoring report regarding the Basic Jail Guidelines (BJG) annual inspection that was conducted at St. Martin Parish Correctional Center on July 25, 2023.

The facility continues to provide a secure, safe, and stable environment for DOC offenders in their custody. However, on the day of inspection the facility was over capacity by one. DPS&C encourages compliance with BJG I-C-006 "Rated Capacity", as noted in the Fire Marshal report.

At this time DPS&C will continue with annual monitoring visits.

Thank you for your support of the BJG process.

JML/mwk

Attachment

c: Mike Ranatza, Executive Director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association E.J. Melancon, Warden, St. Martin Parish Correctional Center Seth Smith, Chief of Operations Donnie Bordelon, Warden, EHCC Aaron Hooper, BJG Team Leader



BJG MONITORING REPORT

Annual

Rev. 08/01/2022 mwk

Facility Name:

St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office Correctional Center

BJG Team Leader & Monitors:

Major Aaron Hooper, BJG Team Leader

Facility Warden & Email Address:

EJ Melancon (emelancon@stmartinsheriff.org)

Facility Staff:

Assistant Warden Kenneth Sonnier

Lieutenant Camellia Rossyion

BJG Inspection Date:

July 25, 2023

Previous BJG Inspection Date:

June 16 2022

Operational Capacity:

186

Count on Day of Visit:

187

Concerns or Issues from the previous BJG Monitoring Inspection:

V-A-003 Programs and Services I-C-006 Operational Capacity

	# MALE	# FEMALE	TOTAL
Number of DOC Offenders	17	0	17
Number of Local Offenders	129	17	146
Number of Out of State Offenders	0	0	0
Number of Federal Offenders	22	2	24
Number of ICE Detainees	0	0	0
TOTAL	168	19	187

Number of DOC Offenders that are:

Single Bunked	0
Double Bunked	17
Triple Bunked	0
Total	17
Number of DOC Offenders that are in Res	tricted Housing:
Single Bunked	0
Double Bunked	0
Double Bunked Triple Bunked	

ASSAULTS: (Please list monthly since the previous BJG monitoring visit.)

Month/Year	Off/Off	Off/Off w/sig inj	Offender/Staff	Off/Staff w/sig inj
June 2022	2	0	0	0
July 2022	2	0	0	0
August 2022	10	0	0	0
September 2022	3	0	0	0
October 2022	0	0	0	0
November 2022	2	0	0	0
December 2022	3	0	1	0
January 2023	2	0	0	0
February 2023	3	0	0	0
March 2023	3	0	0	0
April 2023	3	0	0	0
May 2023	5	0	0	0
June 2023	2	0	0	0

SEIZURE FINDINGS: (Please list monthly since the previous BJG monitoring visit.)

Month/Year	Illicit Substance	Alcohol	Weapon	Cell Phone	Other
June 2022	0	0	2	1	2
July 2022	1	0	2	1	3
August 2022	1	0	1	0	2
September 2022	0	0	0	1	2
October 2022	0	0	0	2	5
November 2022	1	0	0	2	2
December 2022	1	0	0	0	2
January 2023	0	0	1	3	2
February 2023	0	0	1	0	2
March 2023	0	0	0	0	3
April 2023	0	0	0	5	2
May 2023	0	0	0	6	4
June 2023	0	0	0	0	6

GENERAL APPERANCE, CLEANLINESS, AND COMMENTS OF THE FACILITY:

Living Area:

Overall the living areas were found to be clean, organized and odor free.

Dorms:

Dorm areas were in order and found to be clean. Offenders' property was stored in living area.

Cell Block:

Cell block areas were clean and odor free.

Culinary/Dining:

The tools and sharp objects were controlled on an inventoried locked shadow board in a locked room. Cabling is used when knives are checked out. Dry storage had all items labeled and stored 6" off the ground. Sample trays are labeled and kept for five days. Cooler and freezer areas were found in good order with temperature log checks documented.

Bathrooms:

Bathrooms are clean and in order and contained soap and paper towels.

Yard Areas:

Yard and recreation areas were adequate. Documentation provided reflects that recreation was occurring on a regular three times per week basis, weather permitting.

Maintenance:

Facility has on staff maintenance personnel daily. Maintenance department is across the street from the Jail. Tool inventory kept up daily. MSDS forms are well maintained and correct.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING BASIC JAIL GUIDELINES: (Compliant or Non-Compliant)

I-A-001 Safety/Sanitation/Inspections (MANDATORY): Compliant

The facility is conducting weekly inspections. FM and DHH inspections are done annually.

I-C-001 Emergency Plan (MANDATORY): Compliant

An emergency plan is in place. Employees are trained and knowledgeable of the plans. Emergency plan exit maps are posted around the facility

I-C-003 Fire Safety/Code Conformance (MANDATORY): Compliant - Policy and procedure are in place.

II-A-006 Staff Log (MANDATORY): Compliant - The Facility has the Life Check Systems installed, each employee has a phone that they input everything into.

II-A-007 Counts (MANDATORY): Compliant

- · How many formal counts are conducted each shift? Three
- How many counts are conducted each day? Six
- Stick outs counts
 - How does the facility accomplish this? The Facility has the Life Check Systems set up throughout the facility anytime an Offender is checked out to work anywhere their ID is scanned on the system and it show where they are located until scanned back in. Outside work crews still call in to verified they still have the Offenders with them.
 - Does this process ensure accountability and safe/secure operation of the facility? Yes

II-A-008 Offender Population Management System: Compliant

All information is documented and maintained on each offender and is transferred with the offender if transferred out of the facility.

II-A-010 Admissions: Compliant

Policy and procedure are in place and all admission forms are thorough and completed

II-A-012 Classification System: Compliant

Does this facility have any trustees that work outside the secure perimeter? Yes If yes,

- What is their classification process to determine who is eligible for trustee status?
 Offender criminal history and NCIC are pulled and reviewed prior to the final sign off approval by the administration under set policies and guidelines.
- Does their classification process meet DPS&C, Corrections Services' criteria? Yes

II-A-016 Photo Identification (MANDATORY): Compliant

Upon admission, all offenders receive an institutional ID cards

II-A-018 Offender Drug Testing (MANDATORY): (List monthly since the previous BJG monitoring visit.)

Month/Year	# DOC Tested	Total DOC Pop	% Tested	# Positive
June 2022	10	13	77%	0
July 2022	6	19	32%	0
August 2022	8	19	42%	1
September 2022	8	28	29%	0
October 2022	6	25	24%	0
November 2022	12	26	46%	1
December 2022	6	20	30%	0
January 2023	10	15	67%	1
February 2023	6	15	40%	0
March 2023	8	24	33%	0
April 2023	10	28	36%	0
May 2023	6	29	21%	0
June 2023	6	20	30%	0

II-A-019 Offender Transfers: Compliant

All paper work is completed and approved before any offender transfers are completed.

II-A-020 Cell Checks (MANDATORY): Compliant

The facilities procedures advise the officer to make rounds every 15 – 30 minutes in these areas. Log book documentation was provided and were observed to contain that rounds were being conducted at these times.

II-B-002-1 Use of Restraints for Pregnant Offenders: Compliant

The facility's policy is compliant with DOC Regulation.

II-C-001 Procedures for Searches: Procedures for Searches - Compliant

The facility conducts visual body searched on all offenders upon intake and when offenders return to the facility. The facility keeps detailed shakedowns and daily search logs on file. Procedures are in place and logs are maintained on all searches.

II-D-001 Key, Tool, and Utensil Control (MANDATORY): Compliant

The facility's tools, key and utensil control were found to be in good order. Inventories and documentation are kept up daily. A shadow board with a lock in key for the culinary utensil is being used.

III-A-001 Rules and Discipline (MANDATORY): Compliant

- Does the facility's offender orientation include the application process for applying for restoration of good time? Yes
- What is their restoration of good time application process for the offender population? It
 is handled during the offenders' orientation, they are explained the process and steps to
 take.
- Does their restoration of good time application process meet DPS&C, Corrections Services' criteria? Yes

IV-A-003 Food/Dietary Allowances (MANDATORY): Compliant

Contracted with Correctional Food Services

IV-A-006	Food Services Management (MANDATORY): Compliant A copy of a cycle menu was observed to have at least two hot meals served daily. Sample trays located in cooler with last 72 hours
IV-B-001	Plumbing Fixtures – Toilets & Washbasins (MANDATORY): Compliant Offenders have access to appropriate toilets and washbasins.
IV-B-002	Plumbing Fixtures – Showers (MANDATORY): Compliant The water temperatures were observed to be appropriate.
IV-B-005	Personal Hygiene (MANDATORY): Compliant Offenders are provided adequate supplies necessary for maintaining personal hygiene.
IV-C-001	Access to Care/Clinical Services (MANDATORY) (Does the facility charge a co-payment? If so, approved by DPS&C?): Compliant - Offenders receive a facility handbook upon admissions that contains all necessary information on assessing health care. Health care services are contracted through Correct Health and they provide a wide range of service.
IV-C-003	Provision of Treatment (MANDATORY): Compliant - Polices in place.
IV-C-005	24 Hour Care (MANDATORY): Compliant Offenders have access to 24 hour care. Medical Services contracted with Correct Health
IV-C-006-1	Pregnancy Management (MANDATORY): Compliant - Policy and procedures are in place
IV-C-008	Annual TB Testing: Compliant The facility conducts TB testing on all offenders at no cost to the offender. This is done upon intake and annually.
IV-C-009	Chronic Care Program (MANDATORY): Compliant - Policy and procedure are in place
IV-C-012	Access to Sick Call (MANDATORY): Compliant Offenders can request sick call at daily medication pass and are seen within 72 hours. The facility provides a medical provider to see offenders Monday – Friday
IV-C-013	Infirmary Care: - Compliant - The facility has 24/7 medical care services. If medical staff determines the health issues to be an emergency need
IV-C-013-1	Medical Releases (Medical Parole, Medical Treatment Furlough, and/or Compassionate Release): Compliant - Polices in place.
IV-C-014	Suicide Prevention and Intervention (MANDATORY): Compliant The facility's mental health staff evaluates each offender, manages the needs and determines treatment. All staff receives annual suicide prevention training
IV-C-015	Offender Deaths (MANDATORY): Compliant Facility has a policy in place for actions to be taken in the event of an offender's death.
IV-C-016	Notification: Compliant Policies in place to notify family members if the offender is on ICU.
IV-D-001	Healthcare Quarterly Meetings (MANDATORY): Compliant Correct Health meets at least quarterly.

IV-D-004 Confidentiality of Health Information/Individual Health Record: Compliant Access to offender medical information/files are controlled and restricted to those who have legal authority. Medical records are stored in a secure restricted area and are forwarded with offenders upon transfer to another facility or to DPS&C. IV-006-1 Emergency Assessment for Intoxication or Suspected Intoxication (MANDATORY): Compliant - Polices in place. IV-D-007 Internal Review/Quality Assurance (MANDATORY): Compliant Policy is in place for internal reviews upon conclusion of a serious event IV-E-001 Alleged and Substantiated Sexual Assaults: Compliant Is this facility required to be PREA compliant due to contract language? No Is this facility PREA compliant? N/A If yes, date compliance received: If this facility is required to be PREA compliant due to contract language, and has not done so, what is their plan of action for compliance? N/A V-A-004 Religious Programs: Compliant V-A-005 Exercise & Recreation Access (MANDATORY): Compliant There is a recreation area between the dorms offenders go at least 3 times a week weather permitting. V-B-001 Programs and Services: Compliant List all Certified Treatment Programs (Attach Form IS-B-8-b) GED List all other Offender Programs AA/NA Religious Services V-B-002 **Educational Programming: GED Program** 5 Number of GED Slots 3 Number of Participants 12 YTD Number of Completions Substance Abuse Programs: Compliant V-B-003 V-C-001 Releasing Offenders: Compliant

Offenders are released with property and identification that was collected upon intake.

Offenders are also released with prescriptions.

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- V-C-002 Reentry Programs: (Are offenders releasing with two valid forms of identification?) Compliant
 - Offenders are releasing with two valid forms of identification
- V-C-004 Parole Board Procedures: Compliant

Policy and procedures are in place

- VI-B-002 Grievance Process (MANDATORY): Compliant
 - Does grievance process include at least two levels of review? Yes
 - Who is the designee at each level of review?

1st level Deputy Staff Member

2nd level Warden

3rd Sheriff

What is the specified time period for response at each level?

1st 15 day

2nd 25 days

3rd 40 days

VII-A-002 Weapons Training: Compliant

Deputies are POST certified and receive appropriate training regarding the use handling

and retention weapons

VII-B-010 Monthly Reporting: Compliant

VII-B-012 Proposed Expansions: Sheriff in the process of asking for more money from the Parish to build a new facility or Turn the 1st floor of the Jail now into Offender Living area instead office spaces. When he determines on how much money would be given planes would then be sent in to Chief Smith.

STAFF COMMENTS/MORALE/GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

Staff overall morale was good and they seem to be working together towards common goals. All employees conducted themselves professionally and respectfully

OFFENDER COMMENTS/MORALE/QUALITY OF LIFE:

No complaints made by any offender during the walk through.

RECOMMENDATION:

The following guideline was found to be non-compliant:

I-C-006 Operational Capacity

At this time, annual monitoring visits are recommended.



Office of State Fire Marshal

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Inspection Report

Report # CB-22-047404-1

Deficient/Cautionary Codes cited.



Daniel H. Wallis FIRE MARSHAL

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Inspect	ion Type	Compliance	Building Inspection		I	Inspection Date 7/17		7/17/20	23 3:33:08 PM
Structu	re ID	13174	No. of Buildin	gs 1	F	Facility Code J123			
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Municip	al Project		SAINT MARTIN PARIS	H LAW,	(337)	394-2565	KSONN ORG	IIER@S	STMARTINSHERIFF.
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For questions regarding the contents of this report, please call:

(800) 554 0006



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R. S. 40: 1621

Whoever fails to comply with any order issued by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative under any provision of Part III, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 40:1569 excepted, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned, for more than six months or both. Each day's violation of an order constitutes a separate offense and may be punished as such at the discretion of court.

L.R.S. 40:1577 APPEAL FROM ORDER

When an order is made by one of the deputies or representatives of the Fire Marshal, the owner or occupant of the building or premises may, within three days, appeal to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal shall, within five days, review the order and advise the owner or occupant of his decision thereon. The owner or occupant may, within five days after the making of affirming of any such order of the Fire Marshal, file an application with the Board of Review.

RULES FOR APPEALING TO THE FIRE MARSHAL BOARD OF REVIEW

- Any application to the Board of Review shall contain the following basic information set off in organized fashion
 with captions indicating that the paragraph in question contains the following basic information.
 - The name of the applicant.
 - A brief description of the facts.
 - 3. A copy of the order of the Fire Marshal which is being appealed.
 - A reference to the section of the law or code being reviewed.
 - A brief description of why the applicant feels the requirements of the Fire Marshal is not within the Fire Marshal's authority, or brief description of why the interpretation of the Fire Marshal is incorrect or what specific relief is required by the applicant.
 - A list of the individuals who will be appearing before the Board, and a brief description of the testimony
 or information they will be providing the Board.
 - A list of all the documents which will be introduced or provided to the Board along with a brief description of the documents, and if possible, a copy of said documents.
 - A list of each exhibit except for documents, and a brief description of the exhibit.
- II. Whenever possible, a notice of the meeting, date and place, and the agenda will be recorded in the Louisiana Register, however, whenever that is not possible, a copy of the meeting notice including the date, time and place, and agenda of the meeting of the Board will be published in the official notices of the official state journal; furthermore, a press release containing the same information will be mailed to the official journals of the cities of Shreveport, Monroe, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge and any city or town in which the meeting of the Board is to be held if it is not one of the aforementioned major cities; and the same information shall be mailed to each individual who has notified the Fire Marshal of his desire to receive a notice of such appeal.
- III. A copy of the determination of the Board as prepared by the Chairman will be mailed to each individual who requests a copy of that specific determination as well as to the applicant.
- IV. The time delays for filing an appeal shall be those specified in R.S.40:1577 and 40:1578 1 D.



STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Detention or Incarceration Notice of Violations

Routine Renewal

Permit Number 50-03-224	Permit Name St. Martin Parish Correctional Center-224		
Name of Establishment St. Martin Parish Correctional Center-224		Owner Name	
Address 400 St. Martin ST St. Martinville, LA 70582		Date 06/29/2023	Time 09:15 AM

LAC TITLE 51 PART XVIII

NON-CRITICAL ITEMS: These items should be corrected by the next regular inspection or according to the compliance schedule (see below) established by this office.			
Category	Code Reference	Description of Violations	
Building Requirement	101	3 - The walls are in disrepair. Wall in the janitor's closet is in disrepair. [Repeat]	

Comments: VERBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REPORT PROVIDED BY K. Sonnier/Warden COPY OF REPORT WILL BE EMAILED TO ksonnier@stmartinsheriff.org

Number Licensed For		Number in Attendance 194	License Anniversary 04/30/2023	
Sanitarian Name/Print John Zeringue	Phone # 337-492-5440	Sanitarian Signature	R.S. # 3253	
The above mentioned violations	were called to my attention and were	explained to me in detail. I hereby agree to		
Correct Critical Violations by		Correct Non-Critical Violations	by	
		Signature of Recipient		
Name/Title K. Sonnier/Warden				



STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Retail Food Notice of Violations

Routine/Renewal

Permit Number 50-0001233-1	Permit Name SAINT MARTIN PARISH LAW ENF CENTER cafeteria			
Name of Establishment SAINT MARTIN PARISH	LAW ENF CENTER	Owner Name SAINT MARTIN PARIS	H LAW ENF CENTER	
Address 400 SAINT MARTIN ST S	AINT MARTINVILLE, LA 70582	Date 06/29/2023	Time 09:15 AM	

LAC TITLE 51 PART XXIII

NON-CRITICAL ITEMS: by this office.	These items should	be corrected by the next regular inspection or according to the compliance schedule (see below) established
Category	Code Reference	Description of Violations
FOOD PROTECTION	1903	59 - 1903 - Properly constructed scoops are not used for dispensing bulk food. [COS]

Comments:

VERBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REPORT PROVIDED BY Liz Jeanminette/Kitchen Manager COPY OF REPORT WILL BE EMAILED TO ksonnier@stmartinsheriff.org stmoffice925@yahoo.com

NOTICE RS 40:31.38 (ACT 66)

RS 40:31.38 (ACT 66) authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health to charge a fee of \$150 to any permitted facility that fails to correct the necessary sanitary code violations to be in compliance at the time of its follow up inspection (1st re-inspection). Reinspections are required when there are five or more uncorrected non-critical violations and/or one or more uncorrected critical violations remaining at the conclusion of an inspection. The fee is only charged if the necessary violations are not corrected before the 2nd re-inspection and other subsequent re-inspections. Facilities can avoid this fee if the violations noted on the routine inspection report are corrected by, or during, the follow up inspection. If a fee is assessed, the \$150 fee is payable within 30 days' notice, and failure to pay shall result in revocation of the permit.

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DEPART	E OF LOUISIANA IMENT OF HEALTH OF PUBLIC HEALTH				
INSTI	TUTION REPORT				
Agency License No. N/A	Anniversary Month APRIL				
Name of Establishment ST. MARTIN PARISH CORRECTIONAL CENTER-224	Mailing Address				
Address 400 ST. MARTIN ST					
City, state, Zip Code ST. MARTINVILLE LA 70582					
Type of Facility JAILS 194					
Parish St. Martin	Date Inspected 06/29/2023				
The above establishment has been inspected by a representative X License is Recommended; License is Not Recommended; License is Pending Reinspection;	e of this section, and:				
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Form B-04-003-B 05 November 2010

CERTIFIED TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUED COMPLIANCE

Facility: St. Martin Parish	
Date: July 25,2023	
Name of Program: GED	
Date of Program Implementation: 2021	
Primary Area of Service Provided:	
 ☑ Education ☑ Job Skill Training ☑ Values Development and Faith Based Initiatives ☐ Treatment Programs ☐ Miscellaneous 	
Program has been certified by DPS&C? Yes No	
Program application process is consistent with DPS&C existing assessment and classification system ☑ Yes ☐ No	?
Has program curriculum changed during preceding 12 months? Yes No	
Is there an objective method used to assess completion? Yes No	
Detailed records are maintained on the following:	
All offenders who apply. Number of offenders accepted. Number and type of services provided. Offender's completion/termination from program. Yes No Yes No Yes No	
Is there a formal graduation ceremony for those who complete the program? Yes No	
The CTRP referenced above continues to meet necessary criteria to maintain its certification by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.	ie
Monitoring Team Member or BJG Team Member/Leader Date 7/25/2	3