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Current Trends in Jail Operations:
It’s More Than Just the Sheriff’s Problem

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Managing Risk Exposures for County Jails

Operating county jails is complex and challenging. Counties may suffer losses or experience potential liability exposures in each of the following coverage areas:

- Law Enforcement Liability
- Workers’ Compensation
- Property
- Public Officials Liability
Learning Objectives:

During this session we will strive to provide you with information that will give you a better understanding of the importance for maintaining a safe and secure county jail by helping you:

• Identify the requirements and responsibilities of keeping a county jail
• Analyze the benefits to adequately funding, staffing, and maintaining a county jail in order to reduce liability and risk
• Recognize what is included in a state jail inspection and why
• Identify key reasons jails fall into non-compliance and review the unwelcomed impact that may have on a county and it’s office holders
Jail Requirements and Inspections

-what occurs
-why
-the importance
-the impact
Facility

**Structural Design and Integrity**
- Safety vestibules, Locks,

**Life Safety Features and Equipment**
- Generator, Air Handlers, SCBA, Intercom, Cameras

**Basic Essentials**
- Plumbing, Medical, Food Service, Laundry
“During the walk through, inspectors observed two large holes in the foundation of the jail. One hole was secured in a cell the other could not be secured in the inmate library. Also observed were numerous holes in the ceiling of the secured facility leading above ceiling grade. The holes in the facility were covered with plywood and non-detention grade screws.”
Staff

Personnel

• Hiring, Licensing, Training, Retention,

Staffing Levels

• Population,

Key Requirements and Duties

• Intake and Suicide Screening, Inmate Monitoring, Safety and Security
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT: Section 275.4  Staff:

“A review of staff rosters indicated that there were at least six (6) night shifts that were short staffed during the month of April in 2018. During the walk through, inspectors also observed the night shift to be short staffed the day of inspection.”
Funding

Personnel
- Salaries, Training, Staffing Levels, Overtime, Uniforms & Equipment

Facility Maintenance
- Roof Leaks, Plumbing, Locks, Life Safety Equipment (intercoms, cameras, SCBA, control panels)

Operational Expenses
- Food, Medical, Laundry, Inmate Clothing and Bedding, Hygiene Supplies
TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

JAIL INSPECTION REPORT: Section 279.3
Preventative Maintenance, Necessary Repairs:

“Multiple maintenance issues were observed to include a leaky roof that has resulted in the east wing of the facility to be closed down. There is also no hot water on the east wing. Intercoms need to be added and intercoms need to be repaired. There were multiple lights that were not operating. Illuminated exit signs need to be installed.”
Non-Compliance

Liability
- General Liability Concerns vs Heightened Awareness Exposures

Remedial Orders
- Restrictions, stipulations and increased monitoring by TCJS
- Deadlines for making specified improvements or meeting defined needs

Closures
- The inconvenience and costs to operate without a jail in your county
TCJS Reasons for non-compliant jails:

March, 2019: 85 Causes of Non-Compliance Cited

- Insufficient Staff or Training: 19%
- Overdue Cell Checks: 18%
- Facility, Maintenance & Plumbing: 18%
- Life Safety Issues: 15%
- Inadequate Screening or Magistrate Notification: 14%
- Improper Classification or Reclassification: 7%
- Unlicensed Diet: 6%
- No TB Testing: 4%
The bottom line is:

Stop your leaks...
Before they become waterfalls.
QUESTIONS
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