

Gil Gilbertson, Sheriff

March 5, 2009

Dear Sheriff Skipper:

On February 19th and 20th, 2009, an inspection team from the Oregon Sheriff's Jail Command Council inspected the Multnomah County Inverness Jail for compliance with the Oregon Jail Standards, pursuant to your participation in the Oregon Jail Standards program.

The current Multnomah County Inverness Jail opened in 1988 and currently houses 1037 inmates, with additions to the facility in 1999 and 2000 along with some modifications that occurred in 1991 and 1998.

The Multnomah County Inverness Jail reports no successful suicides or escapes with only one attempted escape and reports 732 inmate grievances. The facility has maintained the required outside agency inspections as required by OSHA, Dept. of Health, Fire Inspections, Grand Jury, Commissioners in addition to this OSSA inspection. A formal OSSJC Oregon Jail Standards inspection team last inspected your facility on January 18th, 2007.

The OJS compliance inspection team was made up of the following individuals, with their primary inspection responsibilities listed in brackets:

Lieutenant Robin Ward – Josephine County (Team Leader) [Chapter A]
Sergeant David Bones – Lane County - [Chapter B, G & I]
Sergeant Christine Dismukes – Jackson County [Chapter B & C]
Sergeant Matthew Fronhert – Washington County – [Chapter B, E & I]
Sergeant Carl Bishop – Linn County [Chapters F & H]
Sergeant Kim Phillips – Washington County – [Chapter D & I]

While at your facility we spoke with staff and to inmates in the housing units. We spent substantial time in the facility to get a first-hand look at the operation of your facility with a very in-depth tour of the facility and grounds.

I am pleased to report that we found your facility to be operating well within the guidelines of the Oregon Jail Standards and Oregon State Statutes. The included table indicates a total score of 99.02% full compliance with the Oregon Jail Standards.

There are 306 Jail standards that each jail is evaluated on. Your facility has applied for 27 variances of those 306, leaving you a total of 279 standards that you are evaluated on. This is mostly in part because you do not take new arrestees directly off the street into this facility. The variances will be reviewed by the current OJM president and presiding command team to assure the need for each one of them remains current.

Below is the table of results for your inspection.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office – Inverness Jail
Oregon Jail Standards Compliance Inspection Results – February 20th, 2009

	FULL COMPLIANCE	PARTIAL COMPLIANCE	NON- COMPLIANCE	VARIANCES	TOTAL
Section A					
ADMINISTRATION	32	2	0	0	34
Section B					
ADMISSION & RELEASE	41	0	0	22	41
Section INMATE MANAGEMENT	52	1	0	0	53
Section D INMATE COMMUNICATION	34	0	0	0	34
Section E SECURITY AND CONTROL	54	0	0	1	54
Section F INMATE SERVICES	19	0	0	2	19
Section G INMATE HEALTH CARE	19	0	0	0	19
Section H SANITATION AND MAINTENANCE	20	0	0	0	20
Section I INMATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	32	0	0	2	32
TOTAL	303	3	0	27	306
Percentage of Total	99.02%	0.98%	0.00%	8.68%	100.00%

Section A – Administration Section Recommendations:

Review and Revision – The OJS require a review and revision of jail policies at least once every 24 months. The current set of policies last reviewed or revised in 2001.

Training – The OJS require a minimum of 40 hours of training each year for each Deputy on staff. It appears that the average training time for Deputy is about ½ of the required. Training can be items such as briefing training at roll call as long as an F-6 is submitted to DPSST for the class.

Section C – Inmate Management Section Recommendations:

Procedures for minor violations – The OJS state that a minor violation sanction should not exceed 14 days while your policy states 15 days. This is an easy fix that can be remedied by changing the length of sanction to be up to 14 days.

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Closing Comments:

We found your facility to be clean and your staff to be very helpful, knowledgeable and professional despite the fact that several of them had just received notice that they would be laid off due to budget restraints. This is a true testimony to the type of employee that you have on your staff.

The inspection team noted that the inmate housing areas were clean and their day well structured. The kitchen appeared well organized and clean and the ARAMARK staff very helpful

The inspection team would like to thank Captain Linda Yankee, who has done an excellent job of operating the facility and was very helpful to us and to your staff for the diligence and care they gave us while we were inspecting your facility.

Please feel free to contact me regarding your inspection.

Sincerely,

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