



Department of  
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Sheriff Stephen Barry  
Summit County Jail  
205 East Crosier Street  
Akron, OH 44311

RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Stephen Barry:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Summit County Jail, a full service jail, was inspected on 10/22/2019. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio promulgated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on Reception & Release, Classification, Security, Housing, Sanitation and Environmental Conditions, Communication, Visitation, Medical and Mental Health Services, Food Service, Recreation and Programming, Inmate Discipline, Administrative Segregation, Grievance, Staffing, and Staff Training. The inspection consisted of this Inspector receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having discussions with various jail staff.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Summit County Jail is 791. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 719 inmates incarcerated in the Summit County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 791, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure .

The Summit County Jail (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 111 standards, 53 "Essential", and 58 "Important".

5120:1-8-01 (A)(1); -01 (A)(3); -01 (A)(4); -01 (A)(7); -01 (A)(9); -01 (A)(12); -02 (B)(1); -02 (B)(2); -02 (B)(4); -03 (A)(1); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (A)(6); -03 (A)(7); -03 (B)(2); -03 (B)(4); -03 (B)(5); -03 (B)(6); -03 (B)(7); -03 (B)(8); -03 (B)(9); -03 (B)(10)(a); -03 (B)(10)(b); -03 (B)(10)(c); -03 (B)(10)(d); -03 (B)(11)(b); -03 (B)(11)(c); -03 (B)(12); -03 (B)(15); -03 (B)(16); -03 (B)(17); -04 (A)(4); -04 (B); -04 (C); -04 (D); -04 (E); -04 (F); -04 (G); -04 (H); -04 (J); -04 (K); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (E); -05 (G)(1); -05 (G)(2); -05 (H)(3); -05 (I); -05 (J); -05 (K); -05 (L); -05 (M); -05 (N); -05 (O); -05 (P); -05 (Q); -06 (B); -06 (C); -06 (G); -07 (A); -07 (D); -07 (E); -07 (H); -07 (I); -09 (A); -09 (B); -09 (C); -09 (D); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (G); -09 (H); -09 (J); -09 (K); -09 (M); -09 (N); -09 (P); -09 (Q); -09 (R); -09 (U); -09 (V); -09 (W); -09 (X); -10 (A); -10 (B); -10 (C); -10 (D); -10 (E); -10 (F); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G)(2); -11 (A); -11 (B); -11 (E); -12 (B); -12 (C); -12 (F); -12 (G); -12 (H); -15 (B); -15 (D); -15 (E); -16 (A); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (F); -17 (G); -18 (D); -18 (E);

The Summit County Jail did not comply with 5 standards, 0 "Essential", and 5 "Important". This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility into compliance with the deficiencies noted during the inspection.

5120:1-8-02 (D) (Important) Inmates, when placed in general population, shall be: D1): Assigned a bed. D2): Provided with a mattress, blanket, bed linens, and towels. D3): Provided with articles to maintain personal hygiene (toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items and soap).

Comments: On the day of the inspection the jail was found to have a population in excess of both the Bureau Recommended Capacity and the General Housing Capacity. This resulted in inmates housed on the dayroom floor, not being assigned a bed. (see notes within the standard in OHJMS)

5120:1-8-12 (D) (Important) Jail disciplinary measures shall not include corporal punishment, discipline administered by inmates and withholding food.

Comments: Inmates in disciplinary housing are not provided with the same meals as general population inmates. There is no indication that these modified menus are approved by a licensed nutritionist, registered dietitian, or registered dietitian nutritionist.

5120:1-8-18 (A) (Important) Jail support staff with routine contact shall receive training in pertinent agency policies and procedures prior to or in conjunction with assignment to jail duties.

(1) During the first year of assignment receive twenty-four hours of training including legal aspects of corrections, basic security concepts, emergency preparedness, interpersonal communications, first aid/CPR, unarmed self-defense, and "Standards for Jails in Ohio."

(2) Two hours of in-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing specific job assignments and/or jail related issues.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail did not provide supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance with sections A1 and A2 of the standard.

5120:1-8-18 (B) (Important) Correctional officers shall receive training as follows:

(1) Training in jail policies and within sixty days of employment.

(2) During the first year of assignment, training consistent with Chapter 109:2-9 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Eight hours of-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing specific job assignments and/or jail related issues. These training hours are in addition to training mandated by other standards.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail did not provide supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance with sections B1 and B2 of the standard.

5120:1-8-18 (C) (Important) Administrators and supervisors shall receive training in addition to the training specified in paragraph (B) of this rule as follows:

(1) Training in jail policies and procedures prior to assignment to jail duties.

(2) During the first year of assignment, forty hours of training including legal aspects of jail management, managerial principles, labor relations, and records/information management.

(3) Eight hours of in-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing special issues, skills-enhancement, and other assignment related topics.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail did not provide supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance with sections C1 and C2 of the standard.

The Summit County Jail is in compliance with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards meeting the requirements of a "Compliant Jail". It should be noted however; the jail did not comply with 5 of the Important Standards upon which the facility was inspected. This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility back into compliance with the remaining deficiencies noted during the inspection.

The Bureau of Adult Detention encourages the jail to correct the remaining deficiencies noted in the inspection report prior to the next annual jail inspection. Plan of Action forms are enclosed and can be submitted through the Ohio Jail Management System (OHJMS) at [www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com](http://www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com). Feel free to contact the Bureau if you need assistance or clarification in this effort. The Bureau remains available to discuss the aspects of this report and to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel M. Commins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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