



Department of  
Rehabilitation & Correction

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Sheriff David Lucas  
Belmont County Jail  
68137 Hammond Road  
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

RE: 2018 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff David Lucas:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Belmont County Jail, a full service jail, was inspected on 10/22/2018. 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 Belmont County Jail is 146. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 154 inmates incarcerated in the Belmont County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 146, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure .

The Belmont County Jail (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 107 standards, 52 "Essential", and 55 "Important".

5120:1-8-01 (A)(2); -01 (A)(5); -01 (A)(6); -01 (A)(8); -01 (A)(10); -01 (A)(11); -01 (A)(13); -01 (A)(14); -01 (A)(15); -02 (A); -02 (B)(3); -02 (B)(5); -02 (B)(6); -03 (A)(1); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (A)(6); -03 (A)(7); -03 (B)(3); -03 (B)(4); -03 (B)(5); -03 (B)(6); -03 (B)(7); -03 (B)(9); -03 (B)(10)(a); -03 (B)(10)(b); -03 (B)(10)(c); -03 (B)(10)(d); -03 (B)(11)(a); -03 (B)(11)(b); -03 (B)(11)(c); -03 (B)(13); -03 (B)(14); -04 (A)(2)(b); -04 (I); -04 (K); -04 (L); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (D); -05 (E); -05 (F); -05 (G)(3); -05 (H)(1); -05 (H)(4); -05 (H)(5); -05 (H)(6); -05 (L); -05 (M); -05 (O); -05 (P); -05 (Q); -06 (A); -06 (D); -06 (F); -06 (H); -07 (B); -07 (C); -07 (F); -07 (G); -07 (J); -09 (A); -09 (B); -09 (C); -09 (D); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (G); -09 (H); -09 (I); -09 (J); -09 (K); -09 (L); -09 (M); -09 (N); -09 (O); -09 (P); -09 (Q); -09 (U); -09 (V); -09 (W); -09 (X); -09 (Y); -09 (Z); -09 (AA); -10 (A); -10 (B); -10 (C); -10 (E); -10 (F); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G)(2); -11 (C); -11 (D); -12 (A); -12 (D); -12 (E); -12 (I); -15 (A); -15 (C); -15 (F); -16 (B); -17 (A); -17 (B); -17 (C);

The Belmont County Jail did not comply with 7 standards, 0 "Essential", and 7 "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.

5120:1-8-03 (B) Each full service jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, that the following minimum standards are maintained. (1) (Important) Procedures govern availability, control inventory, storage,

and use of firearms, less than lethal devices, and related security devices, and specify the level of authority required for their access and use. Chemical agents and electrical disablers are used only with the authorization of the jail administrator or designee. Access to storage areas is restricted to authorized persons and the storage space is located in an area separate and apart from inmate housing or activity areas.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jails current policy and procedures need updated to reflect this standard and components specified. Additionally, the jail did not provide all supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-8-04 (A) (1) Holding Cells: (Important) Sixty square feet for one to three occupants with twenty square feet for each additional occupant up to a maximum of one hundred twenty square feet (six occupants).

Comments: At the time of inspection, due to the overcrowding issues, inmates had been placed on temporary boats in the main lobby of the booking and release area.

5120:1-8-04 (A) (2) Housing Cells: (a) (Important) Seventy square feet for single occupancy forty-eight square feet in jails constructed prior to 1983.

Comments: At the time of inspection, due to overcrowding, it was observed that more than the requirement of inmates had been placed in single cell housing and lacked the minimum square footage requirement for this standard.

5120:1-8-04 (A) (3) Dormitory Sleeping Space: (a) (Important) Fifty square feet per occupant , except forty-eight square feet in jails constructed prior to 1983, wherein the formula shall be based upon the requirements of paragraph (A)(2)(a) of rule 5120:1-8-04 of the Administrative Code.

Comments: At the time of inspection, due to overcrowding, several dormitory's lacked the minimum square footage requirements for the number of inmates present.

5120:1-8-05 (H) The jail shall maintain documentation that the following standards are met with regard to bedding, linens and clothing: (2) (Important) Clean bed linens and towels shall be exchanged once weekly. Issuance of clean linens and towels shall be documented;

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration provided supporting documentation that did not evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-8-09 (S) (Important) Continuous quality improvement program. The health authority shall develop a continuous quality improvement (CPI) system of monitoring and reviewing, at least annually, the fundamental aspects of the jail's health/mental health care system, including but not limited to: access to care; the intake process; emergency care and hospitalizations; and, adverse inmate occurrences, including all deaths. Periodic chart reviews are included to determine the timeliness and appropriateness of the clinical care provided to inmates.

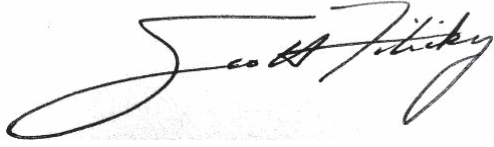
Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not upload "at least annual review" supporting documentation of the Continuous Quality Improvement system in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-8-09 (T) (Important) Emergency response plan - The health aspects of the emergency response plan (mass disaster drill & man down drill). Emergency medical care, including first aid and basic life support, is provided by all health care professionals and those health-trained correctional staff specifically designated by the jail administrator . All staff responding to medical emergencies are certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in accordance with the recommendations of certifying health organizations.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jails current policy and procedures need updated to reflect this standard and components specified. Additionally, the jail did not provide supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

Plan of action forms are enclosed. Completed form(s) and/or corrective materials addressing the noted deficiencies must be completed and submitted through the Ohio Jail Management System (OHJMS) at [www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com](http://www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com) within 45 days of receipt of this correspondence. Please 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 or to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott Filicky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

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