

Press Release

Denton County Sheriff's Office
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County jail passes inspection with No Deficiencies

The Denton County Jail exceeded standards in its annual review with no deficiencies noted on Thursday, March 24, 2016, after a three-day inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

County Judge Mary Horn, Sheriff Will Travis, and Detention Chief Mike Ganzer formally accepted the inspection results in Sheriff Travis's office at the jail on North Woodrow Lane in Denton. "Our staff is among the best in the state, and without their efforts and dedication, this would not be possible." Sheriff Travis said.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards requires jails to meet set standards in 26 areas related to officers, safety standards, food, and the infirmary. During the inspection, the commission inspects the construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of the jail facilities under its jurisdiction. It also examines inmates' custody, care, and treatment and investigates rehabilitation, education, and recreation programs for inmates confined in county jails.

Chief Mike Ganzer also credits the staff with the jail's consistent success in meeting or exceeding the standards. "Our Officers work tirelessly to ensure that we meet or exceed the standards set by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards," he said.

Denton County Jail, the ninth largest in the state, has a capacity of nearly 1,600 inmates and consists of five facilities. Over 400 men and women state certified as Detention Officers work three shifts around the clock. Last year, 70 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies booked over 11,000 people into jail. Sheriff Travis states, "I greatly appreciate the commitment and hard work of the staff over the last four years."

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