

ROSEVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Background/Summary

California Penal Code § 919 requires the Grand Jury to inquire annually into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county. An essential element of these inquiries is an inspection tour of each facility, to review prisoner welfare, and to review any changes implemented since the previous Grand Jury's inspections.

The 2000-2001 Grand Jury toured the Roseville City Police Department in October 2000 and again in March 2001. The first visit was an orientation visit to acquaint Grand Jurors with the police operation and facility. The second visit was made as a result of a State Board of Corrections memorandum regarding staffing levels in the jail operation.

Discussion

The Roseville City Police Department moved into a new state-of-the-art facility in April 1998 and is classified as a Type 1 Jail (maximum stay of 96 hours) serving much of South Placer County.

Prisoners booked and detained in Roseville will generally be released within 72 hours. Those to be held for more serious crimes are transported to the Placer County Jail in Auburn. Any prisoner in need of medical attention prior to being booked into the Roseville Jail or transferred to the Placer County Jail is transported to Sutter Roseville Hospital for treatment or hospitalization.

The Roseville City Jail complex consists of two Intake Cells, two Detox Cells, two Holding Cells and 12 General Purpose Cells.

The staffing level of nine personnel for the jail operation allows for two officers on duty most of the time, with only one officer on duty several days per week during the early morning hours. The State Board of Corrections found that there was a potential problem area when only a male officer is on duty with female prisoner(s) in custody. The Board further indicated that lawsuits and/or allegations against staff have developed in the custody setting under similar circumstances.

Finding

The Grand Jury found that the jail is not always staffed with male and female officers.

Recommendation

The Grand Jury recommends that immediate steps be taken to insure that on-duty staff consist of both male and female officers at all times in accordance with the State Board of Corrections guidelines.

Respondents

Roseville City Council
Roseville Police Department

RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 90 DAYS TO:

The Honorable James D. Garbolino
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
County of Placer
Historic Courthouse
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Auburn, CA 95603