Office of Detention and Removal Operations U.S. Department of Homeland Security 425 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20536



July 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR: John	ın
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Director

Office of Detention and Removal

FROM:

Immigration Enforcement Agent

Reviewer in Charge

P. Torres

SUBJECT:

Webb County Detention Center Annual Detention Review

The San Antonio Field Office, Office of Detention and Removal conducted a detention review of the CCA Webb County Detention Center on June 26, 2007 to June 27, 2007. This review was conducted by LEA, Reviewer-in-Charge and LEA, Reviewer-in-Charge and Member. This facility is used for detainees requiring housing Under 72 hours, however, this jail review is to certify this facility for Over 72-hours.

## Type of Review:

This review is a scheduled Operational Review to determine general compliance with established Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) National Detention Standards.

### **Review Summary:**

The review of Webb County Detention Center was very well. Warden and his staff were very helpful. As per staff, made contact with sister facility CCA in Laredo to obtain information on National Detention Standards, documents, and any other information needed to comply. This facility was well maintained.

#### **Review Findings:**

The following information summarizes those standards <u>not</u> in compliance. Each standard is identified and a short summary provided regarding standards or procedures not currently in compliance.

Compliant - 27
Deficient - 8
At-Risk - 0



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Non-Applicable -

**Standards Summary Findings:** 

Access to Legal Materials: The law library lacks computers with Lexus Nexus.

Admission and Release: The officers stated they strip search new arrivals. The I-203 is not being utilized as common practice. They are currently working on an orientation video.

Classification: Officers are not receiving any criminal or immigration history on each detainee in order to be classified. Classification is relied on the I-216 provided by ICE. Reassessments and reclassifications of detainees are not in compliance due to facility currently being under 72 hours.

Detainee Handbook: Handbook does not explain levels of classification, nor the methods. The handbook briefly stated different areas such as count times, barber, and recreation, but does not have the hours listed.

^. Detention Files: Ice only provides an I-216 for booking process, no receipts are provided in file as well.

Key and Lock Control: Key control officer has not had locksmith training.

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Staff/ Detainee Communication: Facility is an under 72 hour facility. Detainee request are generated to ICE.

Detainee Transfer: Transfer sheets and Detainee Transfer Notification Forms are not being utilized.

#### **RIC Observations:**

The staff of Webb County Detention Center was knowledgeable on policy and procedures. Staff was confident in their posts as well. They acted in a professional manner during the inspection.

#### **RIC Issues and Concerns**

Upon arrival, officers strip search new arrivals, and it is note as well on the handbook "you will be required to submit to a strip search". Transfer sheets are not being utilized at this facility as well.

## Recommended Rating and Justification:

It is the Reviewer in Charge recommendation that the facility receive a rating of "acceptable". This facility is in compliant 27, deficient 8, and 3 non-applicable.

#### **RIC Assurance Statement:**

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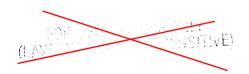
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All findings of this review have been documented on Form G-324A and are supported by the written documentation contained in the review file.





A. Type of Facility Reviewed	d					
ICE Service Processi		G. Accreditation	on Certificat	es		
ICE Contract Detent	List all State or National Accreditation[s] received:					
🔯   ICE Intergovernmen	ACA 11-10-2004 with score of 98.1%					
		Check box if	facility has n	o acci	reditation[s]	
B. Current Inspection						
Type of Inspection		H. Problems /	Complaints	(Copi	es must be	attached)
Field Office HQ Inspe	ction	The Facility is ur				
Date[s] of Facility Review		Court Order			Action Orde	
06/26/07-06/27/07		The Facility has	Significant Li	tigatio	on Pending	
		☐ Major Litigat	ion 🔲	Life/S	Safety Issues	1
C. Previous/Most Recent Fa	cility Review	Check if Nor	ne.			
Date[s] of Last Facility Review				,		
May 08, 2006		I. Facility Hist	tory			
Previous Rating		Date Built				
	eptable Deficient At-Risk	April of 1999				
		Date Last Remod	deled or Upgr	aded		
D. Name and Location of Fa	cility	N/A				
Name	Date New Construction / Bedspace Added					
Webb County Detention Center	N/A					
Address (Street and Name)		Future Construct	ion Planned			
9998 S. HWY 83  City, State and Zip Code	-		Date: 2007 to	2008	}	
Laredo, Tx 78046		Current Bedspace	e Future	Bedsı	pace (# New	Beds only)
County		603 Number: 740 Date: 2007 to 2008				
Webb County						
Warden b6,b7c	fficer (Warden/OIC/Superintendent)	J. Total Facilit	ty Population	n		
Telephone # (Include Area Code)		Total Facility Int			months	
<b>956</b> b6,b7c		3,045,814				
Field Office / Sub-Office (List Office	with oversight responsibilities)	Total ICE Manda	ys for Previo	us 12	months	
San Antonio, Texas Distance from Field Office		3,044,169				
3 Hours						
		K. Classification	on Level (IC	E SPO	Cs and CDF	's Only)
E. ICE Information			L-:		L-2	L-3
Name of Inspector (Last Name, Title and Duty Station)		Adult Male	771		0	9
b6,b7c / IEA / PIDC		Adult Female	0		0	0
Name of Team Member / Title	/ Duty Location		· · · · ·		·	
b6,b7c IEA / WDC		L. Facility Cap	acity			
Name of Team Member / Title	/ Duty Location	. 1		Ope	erational	Emergency
/ /		Adult Male	470		570	590
Name of Team Member / Title / Duty Location		Adult Female	33			63
/ /		☐ Facility holds Juveniles Offenders 16 and older as Adults				
F. CDF/IGSA Information (	Only	M. Average Da	ily Populatio	n		
Contract Number	Date of Contract or IGSA		ICI		USMS	Other
N/A	N/A	Adult Male	100		580	0
Basic Rates per Man-Day		Adult Female	0		50	0



Other Charges: (If None, Indicate N/A)

Estimated Man-days Per Year

\$ 58,00

N/A;;;

365

Support:

N. Facility Staffing Level

Security:

## Significant Incident Summary Worksheet

For ICE to complete its review of your facility, the following information <u>must be completed</u> prior to the scheduled review dates. The information on this form should contain data for the past twelve months in the boxes provided. The information on this form is used in conjunction with the ICE Detention Standards in assessing your Detention Operations against the needs of the ICE and its detained population. This form should be filled out by the facility prior to the start of any inspection. Failure to complete this section will result in a delay in processing this report and the possible reduction or removal of ICE' detainees at your facility.

Incidents	Description	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun	Jul – Sept	Oct – Dec
Assault:	Types (Sexual <sup>2</sup> , Physical, etc.)	7 (Physical)	10 (Physical)	9 (Physical)	8 (Physical)
Offenders on Offenders <sup>1</sup>	With Weapon	1	1	1	0
	Without Weapon	6	9	8	8
Assault:	Types (Sexual Physical, etc.)	1 (Physical)	0	0	1(Physical)
Detainee on Staff	With Weapon	0	0	0	0
	Without Weapon	1	0	0	1
Number of Forced Moves, incl. Forced Cell moves <sup>3</sup>		0	0	0	0
Disturbances <sup>4</sup>		0	0	0	0
Number of Times Chemical Agents Used		0	0	0	0
Number of Times Special Reaction Team Deployed/Used		0	0	0	0
# Times Four/Five Point	Number/Reason (M=Medical, V=Violent Behavior, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
Restraints applied/used	Type (C=Chair, B=Bed, BB=Board, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
Offender / Detainee Medical Referrals as a result of injuries sustained.		2	3	4	2
Escapes	Attempted	0	0	0	0
	Actual	0	0	0	0
Grievances:	# Received	14	16	15	25
	# Resolved in favor of Offender/Detainee	7	13	8	15
Deaths	Reason (V=Violent, I=Illness, S=Suicide, A=Attempted Suicide, O=Other)	0	0.	0	0
	Number	0	0	0	0
Psychiatric / Medical Referrals	# Medical Cases referred for Outside Care	59	55	47	73
	# Psychiatric Cases referred for Outside Care	0	0	0	0

Any attempted physical contact or physical contact that involves two or more offenders

Any incident that involves four or more detainees/offenders, includes gang fights, organized multiple hunger strikes, work stoppages, hostage situations, major fires, or other large scale incidents.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Oral, anal or vaginal penetration or attempted penetration involving at least 2 parties, whether it is consenting or non-consenting

Routine transportation of detainees/offenders is not considered "forced"

DHS/ICE Detention Standards Review Summary Report	
1. Acceptable 2. Deficient 3. At Risk 4. Repeat Finding 5. Not Applicable	
Legal Access Standards 1. 2. 3.	4. <b>5</b> .
1. Access to Legal Materials	
2. Group Presentations on Legal Rights	
3. Visitation	
4. Telephone Access	
Detainee Services	
5. Admission and Release	
6. Classification System	
7. Correspondence and Other Mail	
8. Detainee Handbook	
9. Food Service	
10. Funds and Personal Property	
11. Detainee Grievance Procedures	
12. Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding, and Towels	
13. Marriage Requests	
14. Non-Medical Emergency Escorted Trip	
15. Recreation	
16. Religious Practices	
17. Voluntary Work Program	
Health Services	
18. Hunger Strikes	
19. Medical Care	
20. Suicide Prevention and Intervention	□ NA
21. Terminal Illness, Advanced Directives and Death	
Security and Control	
22. Contraband	
23. Detention Files	
24. Disciplinary Policy	
25. Emergency Plans	
26. Environmental Health and Safety	
27. Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	
28. Key and Lock Control	
29. Population Counts	
30. Post Orders	
31. Security Inspections	
32. Special Management Units (Administrative Segregation)	
33. Special Management Units (Disciplinary Segregation)	
34. Tool Control	
35. Transportation (Land management)	
36. Use of Force	
37. Staff / Detainee Communication (Added August 2003)	
38. Detainee Transfer (Added September 2004)	

All findings (Deficient and At-Risk) require written comment describing the finding and what is necessary to meet compliance.



#### **RIC Review Assurance Statement**

By signing below, the Reviewer-In-Charge (RIC) certifies that all findings of noncompliance with policy or inadequate controls contained in the Inspection Report are supported by evidence that is sufficient and reliable. Furthermore, findings of noteworthy accomplishments are supported by sufficient and reliable evidence. Within the scope of the review, the facility is operating in accordance with applicable law and policy, and property and resources are efficiently used and adequately safeguarded, except for the deficiencies noted in the report.

Reviewer-In-Charge: (Print Name)		Signat
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Title & Duty Location		Date
IEA - Port Isabel Detention Center		06/29/2007
Team Members		
Print Name, Title, & Duty Location		Print Name, Title, & Duty Location
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Recommended Rating:	Superior Good Acceptable Deficient At-Risk	
Comments: I b6,b7c , Re	viewer in Charge	of Webb County Detention Center along with team member b6,b7c

The law library was designated by The law library had books of Federal Reporter and had just received books of Immigration Procedures Handbook 2007. The law library lacked computers with Lexus Nexus. Upon interviewing officers in process, officers stated they strip search new arrivals. Upon releases, the form I-203 are not being utilized as a common practice. Classification is relied on the I-216 provided by ice and their system of Biometrix. Webb County officers do not have any other information as far as criminal/ immigration history to classify. Reassessments and reclassifications of detainees are not being met due to currently being under 72 hour facility. Handbook does not explain the different levels of classifications. The facility orientation video was currently being produced. The detainee handbook needs some work. The handbook briefly stated different areas such as count times, barber, and recreation, but does not have the hours listed. Classification levels had no explanation nor had the methods. This facility have not had any legal rights presentations nor have a voluntary work program in place. Since this facility was used as an under 72 hour facility, the staff detainee communication was not met. Transfer sheets are not being utilized at this facility.

Overall the facility is acceptable. The staff of Webb County Detention Center are willing to make changes to the needs of the National Detention Standards for over 72 hours facility. The facility is very well maintained and clean. The officers of Webb County Detention Center receive a large amount of trainings, working with other local agencies. The staff in charge of different areas such as; Training, Special Management Unit, Recreation, Grievances, Food Services and other areas were very knowledgeable of their areas.



# **HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE REVIEW**

Comments:

and supporting documentation

Review Authority	
The signature below constitutes review of this report and receipt of this report to respond to all findings and re	d acceptance by the Review Authority. OIC/CEO will have 30 days from ecommendations.
HQDRO EXECUTIVE REVIEW: (Please Print Name)  John P. Torres	Signathe )
Title Director	Date 10/10/07
Final Rating: Superior Good	
☐ Acceptable ☐ Deficient	
At-Risk No Rating	

A final rating of Deficient has been assigned. The rating was based on the RIC Summary Memorandum

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MANAGEMENT REVIEW		
Review Authority		
The signature below constitutes review of this report at days from receipt of this report to respond to all fin	nd acceptance by the Office of Detention and Removal. The Facility hadings and recommendations.	ıs <b>30</b>
HQDRO MANAGEMENT REVIEW: (Print Name)	Signature	
John P. Torres		
Title	Date	
Director (Acting)		
Final Rating:  Superior  Good  Acceptable  Deficient  At-Risk		
Comments: A finding of At-Risk is supported by	the findings of the review team and are documented within the	

Form G-324A and accompanying worksheets.

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