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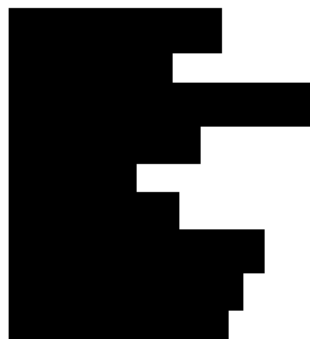
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COMPLIANCE INSPECTION
of the
FREEBORN COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER
Albert Lea, Minnesota

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted a compliance inspection of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Center (FCADC) in Albert Lea, Minnesota, from March 4 to 6, 2025.¹ The facility opened in 2004 and is owned by Freeborn County and operated by the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at FCADC in 2009 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Saint Paul (ERO Saint Paul). The facility operates under the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019.

[REDACTED] A detention service manager visits the facility monthly. A jail administrator handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Consolidated Correctional Food Services provides food services, Advanced Correctional Healthcare provides medical care, and Turnkey Corrections provides commissary services at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities. In July 2022, FCADC was audited for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DHS PREA certified.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity ²	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population ³	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of March 4, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of March 4, 2025)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 2 deficiencies in the following area: Medical Care (2).

¹ This facility holds male detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

² Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of March 3, 2025.

³ *Ibid.*

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an average daily population of 10 or more, and where detainees are housed for over 72 hours, to assess compliance with ICE national detention standards. While these inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, in FY 2024 ODO added additional standards to the scope of each full inspection to ensure ODO inspects every standard at each facility at least once every other year.⁴

ODO identifies violations of ICE detention standards, ICE policies, or operational procedures, as “deficiencies.” ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with “C” under the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO’s findings inform ICE executive management in their decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency’s entire detention inventory.

⁴ ODO reviews the facility’s compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected ^{5,6}	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Transportation by Land	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Funds and Personal Property	0
Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Special Management Units	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 3 - Order	
Disciplinary System	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	0
Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Terminal Illness and Death	0
Disability Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 5 - Activities	
Recreation	0
Visitation	0
Sub-Total	0
Part 6 - Justice	
Detainee Handbook	0
Grievance System	0
Legal Rights Group Presentations	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

⁶ Beginning in FY 2024, ODO instituted a process of rotating all standards every other year. As a result, some standards may not be present in all inspections.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 20 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All 20 detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

There were no findings during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with all 21 standards. Since FCADC's last rated inspection in March 2024, the facility's compliance with ICE NDS 2019 has trended upward. FCADC went from 2 deficiencies in 1 standard in March 2024 to no deficient standards during this most recent inspection. ODO received ERO Saint Paul's completed uniform corrective action plan for its last inspection in August 2024, which likely resolved the previous deficiencies ODO cited. ODO recommends ERO Saint Paul continue to work with the facility in accordance with contractual obligations.

Compliance Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Full Inspection (NDS 2019)	FY 2025 Full Inspection (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	21	21
Deficient Standards	1	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	2	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Superior	Superior



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