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# CANYON COUNTY SHERIFF

*Chris Smith*  
Sheriff

*Gary Deulen*  
Chief Deputy

October 20, 2008

Board of Canyon County Commissioners  
David Ferdinand  
Steve Rule  
Matt Beebe  
Canyon County Courthouse  
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

**Re: Canyon County Detention Center Repair and Maintenance**

Dear Commissioners,

On October 6, 2008 the Dale G. Haile Detention Center was inspected by Nick Albers, Executive Director of Idaho Jail Standards for the Idaho Sheriff's Association, Dave Sasser from ICRMP, Sheriff Chris Smith and Captain Craig Hanson. In this inspection several concerns were voiced by Mr. Albers and Mr. Sasser concerning the condition of the facility. The main two concerns were the inmate over population and the health conditions of the institution. This letter is to bring these issues to your attention as the caretakers of the Dale G. Haile Detention Center Facility.

The Canyon County Board of Commissioners and the Canyon County Sheriff's Office has struggled with inmate overcrowding continuously since 1998. This has been addressed on several occasions, in several ways. In May of 2006, a bond election was held to build a new jail and justice center. Although it received a 56% majority approval, it did not receive the super majority vote needed to pass.

The Canyon County Jail that was built in 1948, had a federal cap put on it in 1987. When the Dale G. Haile Detention Center was opened in 1993, the original 1948, Canyon County Jail was closed. It was refurbished and opened again in early 2001. The 1948, jail was closed again in the summer of 2006, when it was ruled unsafe and out of compliance by Idaho Jail Standards. It was remodeled and brought to within Idaho Jail Standards and building code. It was opened again in March of 2007. This included the addition of an outdoor recreation yard that opened in April of 2008.

In 2006, a 216 bed Work Release Center, for male inmates, was opened across the street from the Dale G. Haile Detention Center. The old work release center was adapted for use by general population inmates to combat the overcrowding situation, but it is currently running over capacity.

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A plan was started in 2007, to build an off site holding facility at Highway 20/26 and Pond Lane, which could have provided temporary relief for the inmate overcrowding problem. It has been delayed multiple times and still has no official start date.

The over population of the Canyon County Jail facilities, combined with the 24-hour operation, has brought the condition of the facility in regards to safety, health and the need for repair, to a critical point that must be addressed now. The poor upkeep affects the Canyon County members' morale, physical health and overall perception of administration who are charged with the management and provision of proper resources to fulfill the mission for which the members are employed. The condition of the jail facilities also affects the inmates negatively and contributes to their hostile response to the environment. This raises the level of aggression that inmates have toward each other and toward Canyon County employees, thus increasing the potential for a violent situation.

All present factors such as the economy, political agendas and county planning indicate that the Dale G. Haile Detention Facility is going to be open for several more years as the main Canyon County inmate detention facility. With this being the case, it is necessary that a large scale renovation of the facility be put into action. The approach can not be to just get by, which appears to be the past standard of operation as evidenced by the condition of the facility. If we are not building a new jail we must make a reasonable effort to renovate and repair what we have.

The repairs necessary in the jail are more than just cosmetic and routine cleaning. The list of items that need attention is lengthy and will involve costs that cannot be ignored. Some of the pressing repairs are;

1. Complete deep sanitizing and cleaning of the living units that house inmates. This should include power washing and painting with the correct product application for the institutional setting. Inmates may need to be housed in other facilities to accomplish this;
2. Plumbing leaks from sewage pipes that run through the interior of the building need to be repaired;
3. Showers that contain mold, rust and improper paint products must be refurbished. This could include faucet repair for leaks and a paintable product or a liner insert that will prevent further concrete deterioration in the building from water damage;
4. Plumbing drains and lines in units need to be cleaned out so that there is no standing water in them (Pod 1 Unit A);
5. HVAC vents should be commercially cleaned and the system upgraded to meet the current demand for HVAC so that proper air quality is maintained in the living environment throughout the year in the facility;
6. Ceiling panels that are missing should be replaced and stained panels from plumbing leaks should be removed and replaced;
7. The deputy stations need to be repaired and updated to improve the working conditions. (This should be viewed from the perspective of whether a reasonable person would want to spend multiple hours working in these conditions);
8. There are no janitor closets in the living units to get clean hot water or dispose of dirty mop water. The toilets in the deputy stations could be converted to accommodate this

- used and provide water and instead of having it brought from the kitchen area which requires multiple trips for proper cleaning to take place;
9. There needs to be an established and documented schedule available to the detention center administration of regular maintenance events to include changing and cleaning of filters, drain cleaning, kitchen venting cleaning, etc. These are building maintenance issues;
  10. Exhaust fans placed in the units and vented outside of the building to disperse moisture and decrease extreme overheating in units. This would also help address the mold problem, which is a health issue;
  11. Repair the fire alarm system that has been inoperable for two years;
  12. A complete facility appraisal and recommendation of the work needed to develop a complete renovation plan with a time frame done by an outside contractor.

In the past the Dale G. Haile Detention Center had a full-time maintenance employee to attend to the day to day maintenance of the building. This person was directly accountable to the Dale G. Haile Detention Center Security Services Captain. They would oversee preventative maintenance, repairs and trouble shoot problems. They could also contact business professionals as needed when the scope of the repairs went beyond in-house maintenance abilities or resources.

For some reason this position was taken away. The need for this full-time position to be reinstated was addressed a few months ago and an individual was assigned to the jail building. This lasted less than two weeks before they were gone. With the current facility condition there is a need for this full-time position to be in place with the availability for other workers as needed. This is essential to bring the building and its mechanics back to acceptable standards for occupancy. The building must meet Idaho Jail Standards so that there are no civil rights liabilities present and so the county insurance is not increased or cancelled by ICRMP.

We must recognize that the Dale G. Haile detention center is in poor condition. Employees, visitors and inmates who are all Canyon County Citizens are affected by this. It is a matter of liability, responsibility, accountability and Canyon County pride that these facility issues be immediately corrected. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

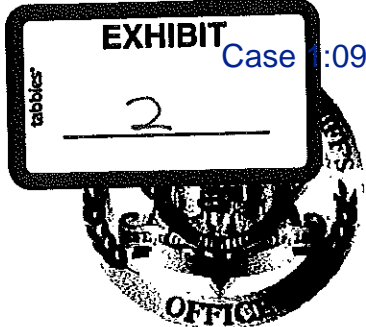
Chris Smith, Canyon County Sheriff



Craig L. Hanson,  
Security Services Captain

Cc: Sheriff Chris Smith

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December 15, 2008

Mr. Nick Albers  
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Jail Standards Coordinator  
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*Re: Response to 2008-2009 Pre-Inspection Letter Dated October 16, 2008*

Dear Mr. Albers:

On October 6, 2008, you and Mr. David Sasser from ICRMP, along with Captain Craig Hanson and I, conducted a pre-inspection of the Canyon County detention facilities which included the Dale G. Haile and Annex buildings. After this inspection, you sent a letter, dated October 16, 2008, to me, Captain Craig Hanson, Canyon County Commissioners David Ferdinand, Steve Rule and Matt Beebe listing several ISA Jail Standards ("IJS") sections where Canyon County was in violation of Idaho Jail Standards. The purpose of this response letter is to facilitate the addressing of these violations and to develop measures to correct them.

On October 20, 2008, Captain Hanson sent a letter (Enclosure 1), with my permission, to the Board of County Commissioners in an effort to initiate improvements in the detention facility.

In your letter, you listed IJS 18.01 which addresses proper inmate population for detention facilities. Because of our inmate overcrowding issue, I, along with other county leaders, organized a meeting which took place on November 12, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in District Courtroom #1, Canyon County Courthouse (Enclosure 2).

Several actions have come about as a result of this meeting. First, the county judges, prosecutors and public defenders agreed to work together in order to expedite judicial processing of appropriate cases where inmates were in jail on pending charges, but were unable to post their bond. These individuals were spending far more time in custody awaiting trial than if they had plead guilty and been sentenced. On the afternoon of November 12, 2008, twenty-one inmates were taken to court. Seventeen of those were sentenced to time served. Nine were immediately released. Within the week, eight more were removed by Immigration and one inmate was taken to another county on other charges. On November 28, 2008 another court convened and fourteen more inmates were released. On December 12, 2008, six inmates were taken to court and subsequently released. Another special court date is set for December 17, 2008.

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Second, eight inmates were moved to Adams county to be held for the remainder of their sentence.

Third, sentenced inmates who were granted Work Release, but could not find a job because of current economic conditions, were given inmate worker jobs at the county landfill, thus decreasing Dale G, Haile population. This benefited the inmates and the county taxpayers by providing inmate labor services.

Fourth, judges worked with Probation and Parole to provide book and release warrants for convicted individuals on probation who are being investigated for possible probation violations. This prevented immediate incarceration of those subjects, which decreased overcrowding as well as providing the convict with notice of a hearing date in order to address a possible violation.

Fifth, a memorandum of understanding between the Canyon County Sheriff=s Office and other law enforcement agency leaders who detain inmates in the Dale G. Haile Detention Center was drafted (Enclosure 3). This memorandum provides that cite and release processing be undertaken whenever possible. If the need for better subject identification was presented and the charges would allow it, an individual could be booked and released from the jail. Only those charged with serious, violent crimes and/or whose continued freedom presents a danger to society would be required to post a bond.

Sixth, the entire Dale G. Haile Detention Center and Annex were re-measured in order to determine the maximum number of inmates that could be housed in the facility to comply with IJS (Enclosure 4). This was accomplished to properly establish a target goal for inmate population and to help alleviate overcrowding.

Seventh, two neighboring counties, Owyhee and Payette, have been contacted to work on a possible contract for alternative inmate housing space. To date, Payette County has responded with a letter of commitment (Enclosure 5).

Eighth, IDOC Community Corrections sent an email memo (Enclosure 6) on December 10, 2008 and requested to be part of the jail overcrowding solution for Canyon County. Cassandra Crowell from District 3 Community Corrections agreed to divert inmates to work release status when possible to decrease jail population and provide a more productive role for the inmates.

Ninth, in an effort to decrease the Dale G. Haile inmate population, in light of the economic downturn, the Canyon County Commissioners passed a resolution to reduce the Work Release fees from \$25.00 to \$12.50 and the Sheriff=s Inmate Labor Detail (SILD) fees from \$20.00 to \$15.00 (Enclosure 7).

Your letter stated you had concerns with the Annex. However, I believe that these issues were actually in Pod 2, Units E, F and G. You addressed ventilation, moisture and mold issues, as well as toilets and faucets not functioning properly in the restrooms and showers. Captain Hanson addressed the ventilation, moisture and mold issues in his October 20, 2008 letter to the County Commissioners. The mold has been scrubbed with bleach water but continues to be a problem.

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The detention staff have been asked to check each of the plumbing fixtures throughout the facility and submit a maintenance request for fixtures in need of repair. This is an on going process that is continually being addressed. It was discovered that the ADA showers in Pod 4, Units M and N, at some point in the past, had the water fixtures removed. A maintenance request has been submitted to make these showers functional.

General cleaning of the living units is completed daily by the inmates under the supervision of Sheriff=s Office Deputies. Cleaning supplies are provided for inmates in the morning to clean general population units and administrative segregation units. Cleaning supplies are also available upon request if they are needed throughout the day. In Captain Hanson's October 20, 2008 letter to the Commissioners, he addressed the need for at least one maintenance person to be permanently assigned to the detention facilities in order to address and correct the current problems. This person would also oversee proper daily maintenance of a facility that requires more and more attention.

The fixed shower rods are being reviewed. We determined that a breakaway rod would create a weapon that could be used on inmates and staff and have decided that this is not acceptable. We looked at the possibility of using a collapsible hanger on each side of the shower stalls and a loop on each side of the shower curtains to solve this issue. We will be requesting collapsible hangers from the County Commissioners.

Concerning IJS 06.03.04, fire evacuation training and drills were conducted in May of 2008, prior to the pre-inspection. The Caldwell Fire Department was a part of this training which included SCBA use and operation. The documentation for this was in our training office at the time of the pre-inspection. I have attached a copy of the employee attendance rosters (Enclosure 8) and the Fire Evacuation Procedure Manual (Enclosure 9).

A facility inspection by the facility administrator or his designee, as required by IJS 07.13, is in progress. We have been conducting weekly inspections with documentation. In addition to this, the staff is charged with inspection of their daily work stations. They are to report any major facility security issues and fill out a Maintenance Request on needed repairs.

Following is a response to other IJS deficiencies listed in your letter which are addressed in numerical order:

1. IJS 07.22:

Tool control is being addressed by our supply section. The janitors= closet inside the secure perimeter is to remain locked. For certain items, a shadow board system is being developed for easier accountability. We are discontinuing the use of aerosol products in the facility unless there is no other alternative. These products, if used, will only be in the possession of county employees. There is a tool inventory in each housing unit to keep a record of all tools in each area; i.e. brooms and mops. They are locked in a closet after the cleaning process is finished.

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We have ordered a storage cage for kitchen utensils; i.e. spoons and ladles. All knives are currently inventoried and locked in a secure locker. While in use by inmate workers, the knives are secured by lanyards.

2. IJS 10.03:

Under Facility Sanitation and Maintenance, the Canyon County Maintenance Department is responsible for addressing vermin and pest control. If detention staff finds an issue, they fill out a maintenance request detailing it. Canyon County has a contract with Orkin Exterminating, Inc. Orkin provides a monthly service according to the contract. I have enclosed a copy of the contract letter (Enclosure 10), a map of the treatment area showing the detention facility (Enclosure 11), invoices of service from September 2007 through November 2008 (Enclosure 12) and staff maintenance requests (Enclosure 13).

3. IJS 10.04 sections a through k:

Facility sanitation and maintenance in regard to a written housekeeping plan is not in place. This facility falls short of standards in regard to sections b, c, d, e, f, g, i, and k. These areas will be addressed. We have been working on cleaning the facility.

4. IJS 10.05:

We are in the process of painting the facility to comply with IJS. This is being accomplished in part with inmate labor. There are several areas in which we cannot use inmates. For those areas, Canyon County Maintenance will need to perform the work or contract the job out.

5. IJS 18.02:

The existing facilities section addresses the square footage so the maximum inmate population can be established. This was addressed previously in this letter and I believe that we have established a correct population number. As specified in IJS section 18.02.02, there are currently no plans for increased inmate programming. However, we are working on upgrading our law library system.

6. IJS 18.18:

Addressing the inmate population levels, at this time, we have too many inmates to meet this standard. We intend to address the issue of a storage unit for each inmate.

7. IJS 18.20:

Adequate support areas do not exist with the current inmate over population. We intend to address this issue.

8. IJS 18.25:

To be ADA compliant, a ramp needs to be built for ADA access to the POD 4 visitation area. This matter has been referred to Canyon County Building Maintenance to correct (Enclosure 14).

On December 9, 2008, SimplexGrinnell began work on the new fire alarm system panel in the Dale G. Haile Detention Center. Substantial completion on the fire alarm system project is

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scheduled for January 14, 2009. Final completion is scheduled for January 28, 2009 and fire marshal approval of the project is anticipated by January 31, 2009.

This letter is providing information regarding which issues have been addressed to date and what still needs to be addressed in order to meet IJS. Canyon County is working to appropriately resolve the issues you raised in your October 16, 2008 letter. Let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,



Chief Deputy Sheriff

*FOR* Chris Smith  
Canyon County Sheriff

- Enclosures:
- #1. Hanson Letter dated October 20, 2008
  - #2. November 12, 2008 Meeting Announcement
  - #3. Law Enforcement Agencies MOU
  - #4. Measurement for Maximum Number of Inmates
  - #5. Payette County Letter of Commitment
  - #6. IDOC December 10, 2008 Email Memo
  - #7. Board of County Commissioners Resolution Reducing Fees
  - #8. Employee Fire Training Attendance Roster
  - #9. Fire Evacuation Procedure Manual
  - #10. Orkin Exterminating, Inc. Contract Letter
  - #11. Treatment Area Map
  - #12. Orkin Exterminating, Inc. Invoices dated September 2007 through November 2008
  - #13. Maintenance Requests
  - #14. ADA Access Ramp Request

cc: Board of County Commissioners, w/enclosures  
Charles L. Saari, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, w/enclosures  
Craig L. Hanson, Security Services Captain, w/o enclosures



To: Sheriff Smith, Chief Deulen

Nov. 13, 2008

From: Deputies Brisbin &amp; DiMauro

RE: Square Footage Evaluation for Canyon County Jail

The following assessments were conducted on 11/04/2008 calculating the square foot measurements of the "living space" of each cell or POD area. In addition, the maximum capacity of each living area has been based on the minimum of (70) square feet per inmate in dormitory style quarters (As per Idaho Sheriffs Association Jail Standard 18.18.) and (35) square feet per single cell (As per Idaho Sheriffs Association Jail Standard 18.02.01). (The following areas have been subtracted from the "living space" to include: toilet/sinks, Janitor closet's, Bunks, Tables and in some cases, access areas.)

**Dale G. Haile Facility**

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Square Feet:</u>	<u>Current Beds:</u>	<u>Inmates per:</u>	<u>Difference:</u>
POD1 A	1245.02	12	17.20	+ 5.20
B	2643.72	22	40.69	+18.69
C	2643.72	22	40.69	+18.69
D	314.2	10	9.0	+ 1
POD2 E	1169.55	20	16.70	-3.3
F	2574.23	57	36.77	-20.23
G	4629.48	92	66.13	-25.87
POD3 H	841.56	30	12	-18
J	619.51	5	8.85	+3.85
K	905.1	20	12.93	-7.07
L	1659.65	30	23.71	-6.29
POD4 M	2060.08	65	29.43	-35.57
N	2142.53	60	30.60	-29.40
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<u>445</u>	<u>344.70</u> =	<u>100.3</u>

**1948 Jail Building**

ANNEX 2	994.32	16	14.20	-1.8
3	1462.64	27	20.89	-6.11
4	2021.18	31	28.87	-2.13
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<u>74</u>	<u>63.96</u> =	<u>10.04</u>

<b>Total bunks in Dale Haile, excluding booking are:</b>	<b>445.</b>
<b>Total bunks in the Annex are:</b>	<b>74.</b>
<b>Total bunks combined are:</b>	<b>519.</b>

<b>Total bunks in Dale Haile to be in compliance:</b>	<b>344.70.</b>
<b>Total bunks in the Annex to be in compliance</b>	<b>63.96.</b>
<b>Total bunks combined are:</b>	<b>408.66.</b>

<b>Difference between the two:</b>	<b>110.34.</b>
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21-Nov	387	445	94	13	539	88	56
22-Nov	387	441	97	14	538	88	51
23-Nov	390	442	99	16	541	86	51
24-Nov	407	436	99	16	535	83	31
25-Nov	380	427	99	13	526	85	54
26-Nov	366	423	90	3	513	83	54
27-Nov	365	423	93	3	516	80	54
28-Nov	359	421	89	3	510	80	55
29-Nov	365	431	87	5	518	85	55
30-Nov	364	439	85	4	524	85	54
1-Dec	363	435	84	6	519	83	51
2-Dec	360	420	81	4	501	82	50
3-Dec	372	428	84	4	512	81	50
4-Dec	366	425	83	3	508	84	48
5-Dec	376	434	86	4	520	84	50
6-Dec	372	434	83	0	517	84	50
7-Dec	368	435	83	0	518	85	49
8-Dec	366	433	82	0	515	80	49
9-Dec	366	426	78	1	504	83	47
10-Dec	370	435	77	1	512	88	48
11-Dec	358	435	73	2	508	89	47
12-Dec	374	437	77	2	514	90	41
13-Dec	365	430	71	3	501	89	40
14-Dec	366	427	68	3	495	86	36
15-Dec	360	424	69	3	493	83	38
16-Dec	379	429	68	4	497	86	24
17-Dec	362	432	72	6	504	87	51
18-Dec	353	429	71	4	500	87	50
19-Dec	354	429	71	1	500	88	52
20-Dec	357	436	70	0	506	90	51
21-Dec	349	434	67	0	501	85	50
22-Dec	345	429	66	0	495	81	50
23-Dec	337	406	65	0	471	79	49
24-Dec	330	407	56	0	463	78	47
25-Dec	335	405	55	0	460	74	48
26-Dec	333	402	54	1	456	73	45
27-Dec	328	404	55	0	459	80	45
28-Dec	326	400	56	0	456	79	44
29-Dec	329	404	58	0	462	77	44
30-Dec	334	399	64	0	463	79	45
31-Dec	341	416	64	0	480	81	46
Averages	417.10	511.84	78.21	21.05	590.44	110.86	47.98
Date	total	males	females	on floor	all inmates	WC	Annex
2009							
1-Jan	345	425	63	1	488	81	47
2-Jan	344	425	62	1	487	80	47
3-Jan	355	433	63	1	496	84	47
4-Jan	355	436	62	2	498	82	46
5-Jan	356	438	61	0	499	79	48



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August 28, 2007

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Dear Sheriff Smith

On September 20, 2007, the team inspection of your facility was completed. The team appreciated your assistance and that of Captain Munsey. All materials requested as a result of the pre-inspection were provided.

The facilities occupancy was over its rated capacity as it was during the pre-inspection and this will once again preclude you from a certificate of compliance.

You have been quite diligent in correcting other issues with the jail. With the added area for laundry, kitchen and storage it will be easier to provide necessary services and security should be improved. I anticipate that during the fall pre-inspection process the second outdoor exercise area will be completed and it was badly needed. Your efforts at dealing with the ventilation problems have also been noted. The areas of concern in the jail during the pre-inspection were found to be much better although the overcrowding would seem to be the inherent problem that creates security issues, tasks the staff and the physical plant. It makes it very difficult to keep up maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment of the facility; however, I would ask that you make this a priority.

The problem of moisture and mold has generally been taken care of; however, it still requires constant attention. This again is an overpopulation issue and the basis for the liability that the County shoulders and an ongoing reason for concern. I hope the citizens of the County understand the issues and the need.

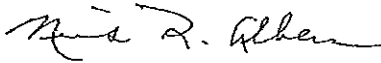
Every effort should be made to get the population down. Flooring and multi bunking inmates is by standard to only allowed in an emergency situation and then for a very short duration.

Every effort should be made to get the level of cleaning, painting and maintenance up. While this may appear a hopeless task sometimes, it is absolutely necessary until you are able to construct another facility. I commend you, the Commissioners, the Prosecutor and the staff for your efforts to date. Keep it up.

I have included with this packet a blank copy of the pre-inspection form. It would be appreciated if you and Captain Munsey could complete the form before the pre-inspection this fall. Give special attention to the standards as you do your review to insure the answers are accurate.

Your assistance as always is appreciated and I look forward to meeting with you in the future. If you have concerns or issues with this report please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nick R. Albers".

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Cc: Captain Robert Munsey  
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June 11, 2008

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Dear Sheriff Smith

On April 1, 2008, the team inspection of your facility was completed. The team appreciated your assistance and that of Captain Munsey. Others present during the inspection were Canyon County Commissioner Steve rule and Mr. Rock Ferguson, Executive Director ICRMP. All materials requested as a result of the pre-inspection were provided.

The Canyon County Jail will not be recommended for a certificate of compliance.

The facility, on the date of the inspection, exceeded the rated capacity, which will once again preclude you from receiving a certificate of compliance. The fact that there were more inmates than the jail's rated capacity is the primary problem and the root cause of several other compliance problems. They are listed below:

1. Cells do not meet the square footage requirements
2. Over capacity equates to an inability to properly classify the inmates as specified in the chapter 16 of the Idaho Sheriffs Association Jail Standards
3. Circulatory and ventilation systems cannot move enough air thus cells become overly humid and smell
4. Overcrowding lends itself to inmate on inmate and inmate on staff confrontations
5. It causes an increased likelihood of mold and other airborne problems
6. It becomes impossible to do routine maintenance, painting and repairs
7. Life safety for staff and inmates can be compromised

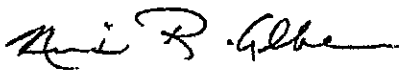
Several of the cells were very humid and smelled. It was noted that these cells were considerably overpopulated. While some areas were better than previously observed because of janitorial availability during the night hours there was evidence of mold, scalling of paint, and fixtures that were not working or needed cleaning and refurbishment in numerous cells.

Every effort should be made to get the population down. Flooring and multi bunking inmates is by standard only allowed in an emergency situation and then for a very short duration.

Every effort should be made to get the level of cleaning, painting and maintenance up. While this may appear a hopeless task sometimes, it is absolutely necessary until you are able to construct another facility. Please provide me with a letter outlining how Canyon County intends to bring its jail facility into compliance with the Idaho Jail Standards. While commendable your efforts must continue to alleviate the overcrowding and related issues.

Your assistance as always is appreciated and I look forward to meeting with you in the future. If you have concerns or issues with this report please contact me at your convenience.

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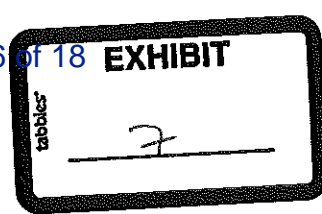
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Cc: Captain Robert Munsey  
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Re: 2008-2009 Pre-Inspection Dale G. Haile Detention Center

Dear Sheriff Smith

On October 6, 2008, the pre-inspection of your detention facility was completed. Mr. David Sasser of ICRMP assisted me with the inspection. Thanks to both you and Captain Craig Hanson for your assistance and answering our questions.

The pre-inspection process this year had a slightly different format with only selected locations in the facility being inspected versus every cell and or room. We inspected the inmate worker and segregation areas of old section of the detention facility, the old work release area known as WR-1, the kitchen and two male and one female cell in the Annex. Based upon the inspection the following comments are provided.

We found the facility to be generally over crowded. ISA Jail Standard (18.01) refers to the issue of overcrowding. This would apply to the WR-1 cell as well as one of the male cells in the Annex and potentially other cells in the center that we did not observe. The cells in the Annex were the most troubling and there were several issues that need immediate attention. The bathroom/shower areas were found to be without exhaust or appropriate ventilation. Moisture and condensation was everywhere in these areas. There were water droplets on the ceiling, which then dropped onto the floor. Mold was observed on the ceiling and upper shower walls. Several toilets were not in working order. There were fixed shower rods made of pipe instead of the breakaway types recommended for detention settings. These areas were very dirty and unsanitary. Lastly, the inmates were verbally complaining about the conditions, which is not the norm absent significant problems.

Additionally, when reviewing the inspection checklist it was noted that you do not have documentation of fire drills and or other safety inspections as required per standard 06.03.04.

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Standard 07.03 refers to weekly inspections designed to identify problems pertinent to the safe operation of the jail and a log that reflects that the issues were promptly corrected. It would also be appreciated if you would review the checklist and provide information about your efforts to comply with the following sections of the standards: Sections 07.22, 10.03, 10.04, 10.06, 18.02, 18.18, 18.20 and 18.25.

Based upon this inspection, I am requesting that you provide me with a letter within sixty - days of the receipt of this report. This letter should detail the process and a timeline that Canyon County intends to follow in order to correct the issues that were documented.

Your assistance and that of your Commission would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

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Idaho Sheriffs Association

Cc: Canyon County Commissioners  
Captain Craig Hanson

## CHAPTER 10

SANITATION AND HYGIENEFacility Sanitation and Maintenance

- 10.01 The jail shall maintain documentation by state and/or local health officials or other qualified persons that the facility complies with state and local sanitation and health codes based on at least an annual inspection of the facility.
- 10.02 The facility administrator or his/her designee shall conduct at least weekly sanitation and maintenance inspections of all areas of the facility.
- 10.03 The facility shall have a plan of the control of vermin and pests which includes monthly inspections. If fumigations are necessary, they must be done by a licensed pest control professional.
- 10.04 The facility shall have a written housekeeping plan for all areas of the physical plant which provides for daily housekeeping and maintenance by assigning specific duties to inmates and staff, the plan shall include the following provisions:
- a. All work shall be assigned and supervised by facility employees. No inmates shall be allowed to assign work to other inmates;
  - b. Bars, screens, ledges, and other exposed surfaces shall be dusted and/or washed at least weekly or when soiled, dirty or otherwise necessary;
  - c. Floors shall be swept daily and scrubbed and rinsed at least weekly. Floors shall be kept free from hazardous objects at all times;
  - d. Walls and ceilings shall be washed as needed and inmates shall be prohibited from placing pictures, pin-ups or other objects on walls or ceilings which might be used to conceal contraband or offer a breeding place for vermin;
  - e. Toilets, lavatories, sinks and other sanitary equipment shall be cleaned with hot, sudsy water daily;
  - f. Shower facility shall be cleaned thoroughly with hot water, soap, and scouring powder daily;
  - g. Each inmate shall be responsible for keeping his/her own cell area clean at all times. Cells and dormitories shall be kept free of accumulations of food or unnecessary articles, which might attract vermin;
  - h. Durable, fire-retardant trash receptacles and ashtrays, if smoking is authorized, shall be provided throughout the facility and shall be emptied and cleaned daily; (Revised 12/03)
  - i. Adequate cleaning tools and supplies shall be provided to inmates to be used under the supervision of facility employees. Supplies shall not be stored in inmate cells or rooms. Mops and other cleaning tools shall be thoroughly cleaned after each use and stored in a well-ventilated place. Inmate access to cleaning equipment, tools, and supplies shall be controlled;
  - j. Mop sinks and janitor's closets shall be cleaned thoroughly after each use;
  - k. To the extent possible, cleaning and janitorial supplies shall be nontoxic to humans. All poisonous and caustic compounds used for cleaning shall be clearly labeled and kept in a locked storage area apart from all other articles.