

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Sept. 16, 2019  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present  
Members absent:  
Others present:

Sharon Hannum, James Ferguson, Keith Brock  
Lt. Chuck Ford

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Population: total: 655      Male: 515      Female: 140      Male: 78.6%      Female: 21.4%

Public Lobby: Excellent

Public Hallways: Clean

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**\*Administrative Office Area:** Clean and orderly, except water stained ceiling tile in all of the offices.

**Intake:** The common area is in good condition except new shipments of slides and uniforms have been delivered and not placed into inventory yet. Primary bathroom is clean except trash needs to be removed. Evidence of previous water leak in the ceiling tile in hall leading to shower area in many places.

**Showers:** Showers are dirty, shower curtains need to be cleaned or replaced, soap wrappers on the floor.

**Cell #1** – Cell is occupied by 15 females not yet dressed out. There is quite a bit of trash on the floor and the empty food trays were all over rather than stacked for pickup. **Cell #2** – This cell is occupied by 7 males dressed in stripes and being housed. The commode has a water leak at the base. Most of the floor space is used as sleeping space. **Cell #3** – Is occupied by 8 males not yet dressed out in uniforms and still being processed. Cell is clean. **Cell #4** - This cell is occupied by 11 males that are still being processed and not yet in uniform. This cell has no noted issues. **Cell #5** is the Garage/SALY Port area has been pressure washed and is clean. No cars are being washed at this time. **Cell #6** – (Drunk Tank) This cell is empty and has been cleaned and sanitized. **Fingerprint Area** – Floor is dirty, and 1 female inmate was being processed in at the time of this visit. Ceiling tile show evidence of previous water leaks. **Cell #7**- is reserved for female car wash crew and supplies, it is fairly organized but could use some general housekeeping. **Cell #8** is occupied by 1 male not yet in uniform. Cell is clean. **Cell #9** – Occupied by 1 male who is on suicide watch. The cell is dirty with trash on the floor, food that appears to have been crumbled and thrown all around the cell and on the floor. **Cell #10** – This cell is occupied by 2 females from Medical, other than having tissue on the ceiling vents it is clean. The Interview room is in use by 2 inmates for an attorney visit but appears to be clean.

Total number of inmates in Intake at time of visit - 47

### Medical:

**Exam #1** – Floor dirty, sink and counter top dirty, several oxygen tanks stored in it.

**Exam #2** – Floor is dirty

**M-1** – Medical Supply Room – Clean and organized.

**M-2** – \*This is the low-pressure area and is not used for housing patients. Floor needs to be swept/mopped and the entire floor is covered by paper that has been pushed out underneath the door of M-3.

**M-3** – Occupied by 1 male who has to be isolated due to his mental condition. This inmate is in need of comprehensive care and has been here numerous times. This particular cell is extremely cold.

**M-4** – Occupied by 2 male inmates and is clean except for tissue on light cover. Concrete floor has rough spots and needs to be repaired and painted.

**M-5** – Occupied by 1 inmate, the cell is clean except for tissue on the vents. \*The floor is rough and needs to be sanded or a grinder used to smooth out the rough places and patch with new epoxy flooring.

**M-6** – Occupied by 1 female (mental watch) and has some trash on the floor and needs to be swept but has no other noted issues.  
**M-7** – Occupied by 2 males, no housekeeping issues noted. The vinyl baseboard is broken/torn off in places and should be replaced when overcrowding allows.  
**M-8** – Occupied by 5 male inmates. There is trash on the floor, the sink has no faucet handles and no hot water. The sink also leaks at the “u” and a washcloth has been placed under it to absorb the water.  
**M-9** – Occupied by 5 male inmates, floor needs to be swept and mopped, there is tissue on the light cover and ceiling air vents.  
**M-10** – Occupied by 5 female inmates, no housekeeping issues noted.  
**M-11** – Case Management worker’s office locked.  
**M-12** – Office for the Medical Nurse/Supervisor and Psych Nurse is clean.  
**M-17** – Dental Office - locked.  
**M-18** – Laboratory – Locked

**Shower** – Clean

**Halls-** \*Cleaning and trash removal occurs during the night shift by pod workers. Floors need to be mopped and sanitized.

\*Inmate Jason Holt M-5 reported that his one hour out has been occurring around 2:00 a.m. which does not allow for phone calls to family or attorneys.

\*Inmate Thomas Townsend reported that he does not feel safe in Blount County due to an attack on his person by two inmates several days prior. He requests an audience with District Attorney Ryan Desmond to inquire about being transferred to Knox County until his trial where there is a current hold on him. He further stated that his mouth has been wired shut and he needs more nourishment due to the fact that he can only have blended or liquified food. This is being addressed by Medical.

There are 25 inmates housed in medical at the time of this visit.

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**Kitchen:** Clean-up is in progress. No noted issues.

**Laundry:** Area is clean, and laundry was in progress.

**Property Room:** Mold/Mildew noted on pipe insulation in the ceiling. Room very organized but there were some new uniforms that had not yet been shelved.

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**C-Pod:** \*West wall in **C-5** has very wide cracks and is separated from the ceiling. \***C-6** has the same type of deterioration as C-5. Water comes in at the foundation in C block and around some windows during heavy rain events.

C-1 - Clean - (Female Pod) _____	C-2 _Clean - (Female Pod)_____
C-3 – <u>Water stained ceiling tiles, otherwise clean</u>	C-4- Towels on rails but otherwise clean_____
C-5 – <u>Sled beds on floor, towels on rails</u>	C-6 – ¼ of Ceiling tile has apparent water damage__
C-7 – <u>Trash on floor, empty food trays, red zone needs painting, inmate broke a sprinkler head causing</u>	
Major water damage. ¼ of the ceiling tile was damaged and fell through. New tile not yet installed.	
Multipurpose Room: Clean_____	
CRC Classroom: Floors need to be swept, but otherwise clean.	

**Recreation Yard:** \_Writing on the walls and door, commode has been completely destroyed and needs be removed and replaced, 3 flood lamps are burned out and need to be replaced.

\*Mold/ mildew can be found on the walls, in most cell areas and around windows.  
 \*C-6, Water still seeps into cells during heavy rain events. There has been no recent rain events.  
 \*Pod Hallways – Clean  
 \*Food tray openings are a continual challenge to keep clean and need to be pressure washed  
 \*All cells are crowded necessitating the use of sleds on the floors  
 \*Red zone areas in every cell needs to be repainted when overcrowding allows.  
 \*CRC Classroom (off the hallway to C Pod) needs sound panels installed on walls to reduce echoing and noise.  
 \*Budget requests have been made for the following:  
 Clean or replace Gutters, seal/waterproof exterior walls, seal and caulk windows, evaluate foundation for water intrusion, roof replacement.

**D-Pod: Hallways** – No issues noted\_\_\_\_\_

D-1: Trash on floor, water damaged ceiling tile,  
 Towels on rails, shower is dirty. \_\_\_\_\_

D-3: Trash on floor & Ceiling tile water damaged

D-5: Trash on floor\_\_\_\_\_

D-7: (Recovery classroom) – Clean\_\_\_\_\_

D-11: Recreation Yard – Clean\_\_\_\_\_

D-2: Housekeeping is good\_\_\_\_\_

D-4: Trash on floor, commode in common area  
leaking at the base\_\_\_\_\_

D-6: Ceiling tile water stained\_\_\_\_\_

Multipurpose Room: Needs to be vacuumed, ceiling  
air vent looks rusted and ceiling tile around it has  
black substance of some kind

\*D1 has what appears to be mold or mildew around windows.  
 \*All cells need to have red zones painted  
 \*COMMON COMPLAINTS: Too crowded, not enough food to eat, black mold is evident.  
**COST ESTIMATES FOR WATER INTRUSION ISSUES IS IN PROCESS.**

Library: Clean and organized. Area is also a storage space.

### **STATISTICS – Judicial Status**

(TDOC) State Department of Corrections: **151** (32 Females, 119 Males)

Federal Inmates: **115** (1 female, 114 males)

Pretrial Felon: **163** (Females 36, Males 127)

Pretrial Misdemeanant: **139** (46 Females, 93 Males)

Sentenced Felon: **17** (5 Females, 12 Males)

Sentenced Misdemeanant: **52** (20 Females, 32 Males)

House Other Agency: **18** (0 Female, 18 Males)

No Booking Type: 0

Total: **655**

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	140	64	218.75%
Males:	515	286	180.07%

**Sex Offenders**

Females: 2

Males: 53

Total: 55

**Security Class**

Minimum: 189

Medium: 373

Maximum: 70

Unclassified: 23

**Repeat Offenders \*No data**