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**MACOUPIN COUNTY JAIL
2011 INSPECTION REPORT**

The Macoupin County Jail was inspected by Criminal Justice Specialist Brad Besson on April 13, 2011. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Jail Administrator Russell Alexander.

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION

1. The facility has been improved with 5 new locks to replace some of the non functioning equipment. All doors within the secure area of the jail that are utilized for the safety and security of the facility now have perfectly functioning locks.
2. The facility is now linked to the court house and is capable of providing video first appearances without the detainee actually being escorted to the court.
3. A new water heater has been installed in the kitchen area.
4. Due to a recent power outage and fire, the fire alarm panel in the control room area has been replaced.

NONCOMPLIANCES WITH *ILLINOIS COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS*

Section 701.140 Security

e) Facility Security Measures

- 1) All jail locks, doors, bars, windows, screens grilles, and fencing shall be regularly and frequently inspected to ensure proper functioning and to detect and prevent escape efforts.
- 2) All cell block doors and all doors opening into a corridor shall be kept locked, except when necessary to permit entry or exit.

d) Maintenance

Any damaged or nonfunctioning security equipment must be properly reported and repaired.

Recommendation: Included in a extensive repair/replacement project involving the locks of the facility, all locks within the secure area that are utilized for the safety and security of the facility now

have perfectly functioning locks. The only doors scheduled to have their locks replaced are on non essential pass through doors or doors that open into the corridors such as the commissary room door and the cells that are used as day room bathroom facilities. An ongoing effort by the department to repair these locks has been undertaken by the Sheriff and his staff.

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