



Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County

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TO: Dan Curry
Bexar County Facility Services

CC: Nelson Wolff, Bexar County Judge
Bexar County Commissioner's Court
Javier Salazar Bexar County Sheriff

FROM: Ronald Tooke, President
Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County

RE: Conditions at the Jail causing an unsafe working environment for Officers and Inmates.

DATE: 7/26/22

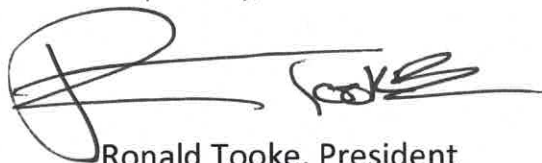
The Deputy's Sheriff's Association of Bexar County is alarmed by the multitude of maintenance issues that currently exist, have been ongoing for several years, and are a hazard to the safety and health of the staff and inmates of the Bexar County Adult Detention Center System. These issues have been brought to your attention multiple times by the Sheriff's Administration and have not been addressed. The following matters are currently outstanding and must be addressed immediately.

- As of this date there are nearly 30 cells that are shut down awaiting your maintenance department to repair them (2 of which are the only 2 cells equipped to house violent inmates with mental health issues).
- During the month of July, the AC units have failed forcing the officers and inmates alike to be subjected to temperatures nearing 100 degrees for days at a time.
- Staff and inmates were unable to be relocated to the 2 vacant units due to the parts in the units' pneumatic doors having been removed to fix other doors.
- The air vents throughout the jail are dirty and are not being cleaned regularly, causing health issues for both staff and inmates.
- AC has been mostly inoperable for the last five years (we are told parts are not available so it takes up to three months to get fixed).

- There are water and sewage leaks everywhere in the jail, which has been causing ceiling tiles to fall on desks, employees and confidential documents.
- Nearly every staff bathroom has maintenance issues including broken toilets and sinks, causing sanitary issues
- Main Jail and Annex cameras are malfunctioning to the point of being inoperable.

As you are well aware, the conditions for the staff and inmates at the Bexar County Adult Detention Center are unacceptable and directly undermine both the physical and mental health of all involved. As a result, critical incidents involving both staff and inmates are frequent, leading to high staff turnover, recruiting issues and massive retirement. We plead with you to help us prevent the next tragedy by taking this issue very seriously and prioritizing improvements at the Adult Detention Center. Should you have any questions or would like to see the photographs highlighting the above noted maintenance deficiencies please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Tooke', written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Tooke, President
Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County