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INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Audit and Accountability Bureau (AAB) is to conduct law enforcement performance reviews and assess the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD, or the Department) risk management practices, internal controls, and governing processes.

In support of this mission, the AAB initiated the 2026 Countywide Operations Command Inspection: Command Inspection Review Report (Review) to evaluate the completion of 2025 command inspections for the Court Services Division (CSD). The Review was intended to assess CSD's compliance with Department policies requiring annual command inspections, evaluate management's oversight of the inspection process, and identify areas where corrective actions and accountability could be strengthened.

CSD reported that no formal Department command inspections were conducted during the 2025 evaluation period. As a result, no command inspection data was available for the AAB to analyze, and no inspection-related deficiencies were identified for this review cycle. However, the absence of completed command inspections constituted noncompliance with Department inspection requirements.

CSD reported it has begun developing a command inspection process tailored to its bureaus and court facilities. Once fully implemented, the inspections are expected to be conducted annually in accordance with Department policy. The AAB will review CSD's progress during the next evaluation period to assess implementation of the new process and determine whether identified deficiencies are appropriately documented, addressed, and tracked.

Future CSD Reviews will be conducted in accordance with the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) 3-09/310.00 – Department Inspections, which states:

Department inspections are to ensure compliance with Department policies and procedures as well as county policies.

Each division will be involved in the inspection process. The division chief/division director shall:

- *Ensure that each unit within the division is inspected annually, including its own headquarters unit;*
- *Identify any areas within the division beyond the minimum inspection areas that necessitate review, and maintain a list of all areas;*
- *Ensure that all inspection results are recorded and stored at division headquarters. The results shall be packaged by year and facility. They shall be kept for a minimum of three years;*
- *Ensure coordination with assisting units who conduct inspections in their area of expertise (i.e. armory inspection is conducted by the range staff; timekeeping inspection is conducted by the Payroll Audit Training Unit);*
- *Require that units within the division delineate on memorandum, corrective measures if deficiencies are found;*
- *Promptly report any major deficiency, as determined by the concerned division chief or division director, to their assistant sheriff and send documentation of the major deficiency with corrective measures; and*
- *Ensure that the documentation of the deficiency and corrective measures are kept with the facility package at division headquarters.*

BACKGROUND

In 2024, the AAB was directed to perform an exploratory study to assess the completion of command inspections across CSD. As part of this study, a limited sample of inspections was obtained and reviewed. The sample provided insight into areas inspected by subject matter experts. Along with similar samples provided by Patrol and Custody Operations, these insights helped establish the command inspection subjects, referred to as Command Inspection Risk Areas, that will be evaluated during future reviews.

OBJECTIVE, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

The objective of the Review was to assess whether CSD completed annual command inspections during the designated evaluation period in accordance with Department policy. The Review was also intended to evaluate management’s oversight of inspections, identify any documented deficiencies, and determine whether corrective actions were developed, implemented, and supported with documentation.

The scope of the Review included formal Department command inspections required during the evaluation period. However, CSD reported no formal Department command inspections were conducted. Therefore, the AAB could not evaluate inspection results, deficiencies, corrective actions, or management’s oversight of the inspection process for this Review cycle.

Future Reviews will assess completed CSD command inspections, including the results of each inspection, any identified deficiencies, corrective action plans, supporting documentation, and management’s oversight of corrective actions for the following bureaus and facilities:

Court Services Division: Bureaus and Facilities

Bureau	# of Facilities	Court Facilities
Court Services Central	6	Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Central Arraignment, Metropolitan, Spring Street, Stanley Mosk, Hollywood Mental Health
Court Services East	15	Alhambra, Bellflower, Burbank, Compton, Downey, Eastlake Juvenile, East Los Angeles, Edelman Children’s, El Monte, Glendale, Norwalk, Pasadena, Pomona, West Covina, Whittier
Court Services West	15	Airport, Antelope Valley, Beverly Hills, Chatsworth, Governor George Deukmejian, Inglewood, Inglewood Juvenile, Lancaster Juvenile, Redondo Beach, Santa Clarita, Santa Monica, San Fernando, Sylmar Juvenile, Torrance, Van Nuys

CONCLUSION

This Review was intended to evaluate the results of the 2025 Command Inspections for CSD. Although no internal Department command inspections were completed during the 2025 evaluation period, CSD indicated that its facilities routinely underwent mandatory external inspections conducted by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), the Department of Public Health, and local fire departments or inspectors. While these external regulatory reviews provide valuable oversight, they fall outside the official scope of this internal Command Inspection project and do not substitute for mandatory Department inspection requirements.

CSD reported that it has begun developing a proactive framework for future self-assessed command inspections that is intended to align with Department policy and support organizational accountability and transparency.

The AAB will continue conducting command inspection reviews throughout 2026 to promote Departmentwide transparency and accountability. Future cycles will assess CSD's progress in implementing its new inspection framework and track the resolution of any identified deficiencies. Through systematic evaluation, the AAB remains committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement, assisting Department executives in maintaining standardized operational practices, and enhancing organizational integrity.

DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS

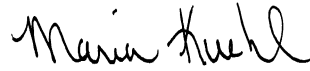
- Policy Archival and Retrieval System (PARS)

REFERENCES

- Manual of Policy and Procedures 3-09/310.00 – Department Inspections (December 2013)
- Court Services Division Manual
- Custody Division Manual

Views of Responsible Officials

On May 22, 2026, the AAB submitted the Court Services Division Command Inspections Review Report to the Division Director, Office of Constitutional Policing.



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