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Press Release

Sheriff Lyons reported,

On July 14, 2022, the Polk County Jail received an unannounced visit from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, who was there to conduct an unexpected inspection of the Polk County Jail. The Commission on Jail Standards was implemented in 1975 by the State legislature, to insure that all jails meet the minimum jail standards. The inspector will inspect a sample of documents concerning the care, custody and treatment of inmates as well as facility equipment, maintenance and jail operations.

The inspector looked at inmate files and how they are maintained, as well as interviewing several of the inmates incarcerated here at the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The inspector reviewed use of force reports, our ability to track such reports, fire drills and inspections of the life safety equipment including testing the generators.

For the past year we have been short staffed and managing 200 plus inmates, while fighting Covid. I want to say thank you to my detention staff who is led by Captain Larry Dawson and Lieutenant Matthew Brown. Due to their outstanding attention to duty and inmate care has resulted in another successful Jail inspection.

Sheriff Byron Lyons

