

**LAW AND JUSTICE AUTHORITY AND OVERVIEW**  
**San Joaquin County Detention Centers**  
**and**  
**Law Enforcement Agencies**

The Grand Jury is responsible for investigating matters pertaining to law enforcement including police, juvenile justice, public protection and probation issues. It is also charged with inspecting detention facilities within San Joaquin County.

Section 919(a) and 919(b) of the California Penal Code authorizes the Grand Jury to inquire into jails and public prisons within the county and the 2008/2009 San Joaquin County Grand Jury fulfilled this mandate.

**DETENTION FACILITIES**

Four categories of detention facilities (adult and juvenile) are found in counties where inmates may be detained. On occasion, juveniles (minors) may be held in adult facilities.

- 1) Type I holds inmates up to 96 hours
- 2) Type II holds inmates pending arraignment, during trial and upon sentencing
- 3) Type III holds only convicted or sentenced inmates
- 4) Type IV work furlough facility

PRISON is a secure facility operated by the State of California or a contracted prison provider that houses sentenced offenders under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Adult Operations Division or the Division of Juvenile Justice.

JAIL is defined as a locked adult detention facility that holds both non-sentenced and convicted adult criminal offenders. A county or a city may operate it.

Temporary Holding Facility holds inmates up to 24 hours

Lockup is a room or secure enclosure under the control of a peace officer or custodial officer; primarily for the temporary confinement of those recently arrested.

Court Holding Facility is located in a courthouse and used to hold inmates for a court appearance, not more than 12 months.

The Grand Jury is charged with assessing the condition and management of the facilities based on California Penal Code 919(b). In addition to tours of the facilities, members also participated in ride-alongs with various law enforcement agencies in San Joaquin County.

Facility tours include:

- Stockton Police Department
- San Joaquin County Jail and Sheriff's Office
- State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation/ Juvenile Justice Division of Facilities (O. H. Close, N. A. Chaderjian, and DeWitt Nelson)
- Deuel Vocational Institution
- San Joaquin County Juvenile Justice Center
- San Joaquin County Juvenile Probation

The Grand Jury utilized assessment forms containing the following elements:

- Facility
- Procedures
- Inmates
- Staffing
- Budget/Finance
- Safety
- Medical Care
- Citizen Complaint Process

The 2008/2009 Grand Jury had a standing Law and Justice Committee. All grand jurors participated in the tours and the rating of the facilities.

Facility tours included a presentation by the administrative staff on an overview of operations and current issues, status on the implementation of prior grand jury recommendations and general discussion. The assessment also included a walking tour of the facility, questioning by the Grand Jury members and interviews with inmates and wards.