

City of Corpus Christi City Auditor's Office

F26-002 Police Department Property Room Follow-Up Report

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Executive Summary

As part of our annual audit plan, the City Auditor's Office (CAO) followed up on the April 17, 2025, AU17-003 Police Department – Property Room Audit. The original audit evaluated whether sufficient controls were in place over the evidence and property room function.

The original audit had no findings and six observations with recommendations. Management accepted five of the six recommendations, implemented two of the six from the original audit, and agreed to implement the necessary process changes for the remaining three.

Management indicated that one of the three outstanding recommendations has been implemented, one is in progress, and one has not been implemented. Auditors then reviewed the submitted information and confirmed that one has been implemented, one remains in progress, and one has not been implemented. A complete list of recommendations and current statuses is available on page 4.

We conducted this follow-up review in accordance with the Global Internal Audit Standards. These standards require us to confirm that management has implemented our recommendations or its action plans. We inquired about implementation progress, performed follow-up assessments using a risk-based approach, and updated our tracker and Five-Year Follow-Up Dashboard to reflect issues and report on them at every Audit Committee Meeting.

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F26-002 Police Department – Property Room Follow-Up Report

Issue No.	Recommendation/Action Items	Management Assertion	Status	Point of Contact
1. Outdated Night Lockers				
1	Did the department obtain a quote for lockers and work with Facilities Maintenance on a quote for remodeling the night lockers to improve efficiency and provide more storage?	In Progress	In Progress	Pat Persohn
2. Guns Sent for Destruction ¹				
2	Did the department begin selling limited-edition guns and collector’s items weapons to generate more revenue for the City of Corpus Christi?	No action required or taken.		
3. Routine Inspections				
3	Did the department begin placing Work Orders with Facilities Maintenance for routine inspections of exposed piping to avoid the potential of damaged property?	Not Implemented	Not Implemented	Pat Persohn
4. Property Stored in Cardboard Boxes				
4	Did the department begin moving property that does not need to be in cardboard boxes to covered storage bins to protect against potential water damage?	Implemented	Implemented	Pat Persohn
5. Cash Counts by Hand (Implemented During Original Audit) ²				
5	Did the department purchase a money counter to ensure that all monies are counted correctly and that no counterfeits are sent for deposit?	Implemented	Implemented	Pat Persohn
6. Exposed Keys (Implemented During Original Audit) ²				
6	Did the department install a key safe to ensure all department keys are kept in a single secure location?	Implemented	Implemented	Pat Persohn

Legend:	
<i>Implemented</i>	Evidence supported documentation.
<i>Not Implemented</i>	Action or control not applied.
<i>In Progress</i>	Action or control in the process of being implemented.

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¹ Recommendation was not agreed upon during the audit. Cities and counties in Texas often opt to sell or trade weapons instead of destroying them. Tarrant County, for example, sold 21 forfeited guns, which generated \$46,000.

² Recommendation was implemented during the audit.

Appendix A: Additional Follow-Up Information

Recommendation 1: Outdated Night Lockers

In the original report, the CAO advised that the department purchase new night lockers as a one-time expense to improve the department's efficiency and increase storage space for incoming items.

The department received a quote and floor plans for the new lockers. The lockers are scheduled for installation in late June or early July 2026.

Management's Assertion: In Progress

Audit Status: In Progress

Recommendation 3: Routine Inspections

In the original report, the CAO recommended that the Facilities Maintenance Department perform routine inspections of the plumbing and piping running over the Property Room. The recommendation was made to reduce the risk of property and evidence damage.

The department reached out to Facilities Maintenance to arrange routine inspections. However, Facilities Maintenance told the department they do not carry out routine inspections. They only handle issues that come up after a Work Order is submitted.

Management's Assertion: Not Implemented

Audit Status: Not Implemented

Appendix B: Management's Response

April 1, 2026

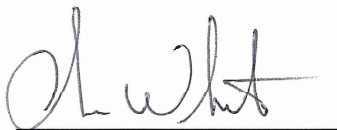
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Re: F26-002 Police Department – Property Room Follow-Up Report

The City of Corpus Christi Police Department has carefully reviewed the follow-up report referenced above. As there are no new recommendations for management, no responses are required.

☒ Agree
☐ Disagree

Regards,



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Date



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Chief of Police

4/15/26
Date



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City Manager

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