

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Rockingham County continues to flourish both in population and employment opportunities. As County Commissioners, it is our duty to provide essential mandated services to the taxpayers of Rockingham County in the most efficient, cost effective manner.

The nursing home and assisted living facility have again received excellent reviews. Forty additional assisted living beds will be available in the fall of 2005 with the completion of renovations to the Fernald Building.

We continue to seek ways to reduce the pre-trial population at the jail and with the addition of the Supervised Community Release from Incarceration Program (SCRIP) and an adult diversion program. Both initiatives are making positive progress.

Finances are in order and Moody's rating service has once again awarded Rockingham County the highest short term rating available.

Discussions are ongoing with the State of New Hampshire regarding unfunded mandates. We are vehemently opposed to the trickle down effect of balancing the State budget by passing costs to local government.

We look forward to preparing and planning for 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Albert J. Wright, Superintendent

The inmate population continues to show growth in the amount of intakes, approximately 9%. We were successful in keeping the average daily count in check through the use of Electronic Monitoring and the Supervised Community Release from Incarceration Program (SCRIP). The average daily population during the year was 329 inmates.

<u>Admissions</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Male Inmates	3,497	3,264
Female Inmates	621	515
Total	4,118	3,779

The female population continues to increase along with the amount of bail and amount of time served in custody. Strafford County started housing many of our female inmates and we continue to send female prisoners to Hillsborough County and the Women's State Prison in Goffstown.

Inmate Hours

The Nursing Home and Maintenance Department received a total of 39,525 inmate hours during 2004. Seven towns received a total of 7,980 inmate hours of work.

V.I.N.E Victim Notification System

This program was initiated in 1998 to allow a victim of a crime to register for automated notification upon the release of a prisoner from the Rockingham County