

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

Corrections Facility. When the perpetrator of a crime has been released the victim is automatically called through a computer generated alert system. There are currently 95 victims registered with 283 new registrations in 2004. The system received 1,894 incoming calls and 1,533 outgoing calls to victims. We continue to receive many calls thanking the department for this service and positive feedback from domestic violence protective agencies.

Work Release Program

There were 68 inmates that participated in the Work Release Program during 2004 with a success rate of 70%.

Human Services & Inmate Programs

Our GED Program had 105 inmates who signed up and attended various classes and 26 earned their GED Certificates (26 were tested and all 26 passed). The education program is supported by volunteer tutors, the North County Education Foundation, the partnership of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Work Opportunities Unlimited in preparation for post-release services.

Sex Offender Accountability Program

There were 17 inmates involved in this program during 2004. This is a contracted service that refers attendees to continue services in community based treatment programs upon release. Rockingham County is the only facility in New Hampshire that provides a program of this nature.

HIV & AIDS

AIDS Response of the Seacoast continues to fund a counselor to meet with inmates and provide education, counseling regarding choices, consequences, and testing information.

Retirement

In December, Superintendent Gene P. Charron retired after serving thirty years of loyal and dedicated service to Rockingham County and the Department of Corrections. Gene served the past ten years as Superintendent and established a leadership philosophy that *everyone shall be treated with dignity*. He continues to serve his area communities, the County, and the State of New Hampshire as a State Representative.

Electronic Monitoring

40 individuals have participated in the Electronic Monitoring program with 19 successfully completed, 4 failures, and currently 17 are participating. This program has been a great success and researching ways to expand its use.

Supervised Community Release from Incarceration Program (SCRIP)

This program started late in the year and is coordinated between the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's Department. The goal of this program is to assist in the reduction of pre-trial detainees who are found to be non-violent, with strong ties to the community. Defendants and inmates are court ordered into this program and monitored by a Deputy Sheriff, as necessary depending on their specific circumstances and restrictions. This program gives the court an additional option in lieu of incarceration, especially if a defendant has medical complications or special

needs. This program affords an additional level of supervision while the individual is out on bail pending trial.

Conclusion

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners, Members of the Jail Sub-Committee, all members of the Delegation for their guidance and support during the past year, along with my administrative team, Business Office Manager Louise Turner, Charlene Roche, Captain John Blomeke, Lieutenant’s Stephen Church and Rusty Poliquin. Thank you to all department directors, elected officials, and their staff for the assistance and cooperation throughout the year. Last but not least, my appreciation and recognition goes out to all Department of Corrections staff, a group of professionals who are in the front lines every day.

Intake Distribution

Town	Number	Town	Number	Town	Number	County	Number
Atkinson	17	Greenland	20	Northwood	30	Belknap	21
Auburn	52	Hampstead	28	Nottingham	18	Hillsborough	1
Brentwood	42	Hampton	330	Plaistow	45	Rockingham	1,010
Candia	25	Hampton Falls	11	Portsmouth	257	Strafford	10
Chester	7	Kensington	20	Raymond	168		
Danville	20	Londonderry	34	Rye	22	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number</u>
Deerfield	20	Newcastle	2	Salem	279	NH State Police	229
Derry	280	Newfields	7	Sandown	37	NH State Prison	13
East Kingston	35	Newington	27	Seabrook	54	NH Parole	78
Epping	73	Newmarket	52	South Hampton	30	Immigration	113
Exeter	123	Newton	24	Stratham	55	Self Turn In	245
Fremont	10	North Hampton	34	Windham	18	US Marshal	22

Summary of Charges

Acts Prohibited	29	Fed/Immigration Chgs	149	Controlled Drugs	356
Aggravated F. S. Assault	43	Felon-Firearm Possession	24	Intent to Sell	65
Assault 1 st /2 nd Degree	15/30	Felon-Sexual Assault	38	Hypodermic	6
Assault Simple	384	Forgery	47	Prostitution	1
Assault Police Officer	9	Fugitive from Justice	91	Prohibitive Sale	9
Arson	5	Fraud. use Credit Card	46	Protective Custody	470
Bail Jumping/Revoked	13/33	Habitual Offender	119	Prowling	10
Burglary	84	Harassment	20	Receiving Stolen Property	157
Career Criminal	2	Hindering Apprehension	35	Reckless Conduct/Oper.	58/26
Conduct After Accident	47	Indecent Exposure	10	Resist Arrest	177
Conspiracy	8	Issuing Bad Check	24	Riot	3
Contempt of Court	66	Interfere with Custody	4	Robbery	50
Criminal Liability	7	Kidnapping	4	Sale-Controlled Drugs	61
Criminal Mischief	162	Littering	1	Shoplifting	152
Criminal Restraint	10	Motor Vehicle Violation	30	Stalking	24
Criminal Threat/Trespass	156/71	Murder-1 st /2 nd Degree	1/1	State Prison Transfers	13
Cruelty to Animals	3	Murder-Attempted	4	Theft/Deception/Unauth.	137/23/42
Default	99	Negligent Homicide	1	Transport Controlled Drugs	21
Disobey a Police Officer	100	Non Payment of Fine	16	Unauthorized Usage-M/V	13
Disorderly Conduct	74	Non Support	71	Unlawful Poss.-Alcohol	60
Domestic Violence	30	Operating-Rev./Susp	279	Unlawful Use-Weapon	13
DWI Sentence/Pre-trial	148/231	Operating-without Lic.	23	Violation-Parole/Protective	374/176
Endangerment of Child	17	Open Container	38	Warrants	371
Escape	2	Overnight Hold	258	Witness Tampering	13
Fail-Reg.-Sex Offender	3	Pornography	9	Total Charges	6,489
False Report to Police	69	Possession			
False Scripps	10	Burglary Tools	2		