

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Through the continued use of alternative programs the average daily count was limited to a 1% increase. This was accomplished by processing prisoners into home confinement, electronic monitoring, supervised pre-trial release, STAR Program, and the Academy Program. The average daily population in jail during the year was 332 inmates. Electronic monitoring daily population was 26.

<u>Admissions</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Male Inmates	3,340	3,365
Female Inmates	718	699
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>4,064</b>

Many detainees wait lengthy periods of time before the disposition of their case is resolved at Rockingham County Superior Court. We have been successful with diverting some prisoners from jail through the use of the Supervised Community Release from Incarceration Program.

The amount of female inmates continues to increase slightly along with the length of stay due to the nature of charges, bail amount, and sentencing time. Strafford County and Hillsborough County house our female prisoners. The Women's State Prison in Goffstown has no space available for county prisoners.

Inmate Hours: The Nursing Home and Maintenance Department received a total of 39,824 inmate hours. 8 towns received over 11,000 inmate work hours. This doesn't account for the inmate hours involved within the Corrections Facility and special projects for the Sheriff's Office and County Attorney.

Project Community: During 2008 the Community Work Program completed numerous painting and landscaping projects throughout the county communities.

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 called through a computer generated alert system. There are currently 205 victims registered. The system dealt with 1,565 calls to and from victims. We continue to receive many calls thanking the department for this service and positive feedback from domestic violence protective agencies.

Work Release Program: 47 inmates participated in the program with a success rate of 91%.

Chapel: Non-denominational services are conducted weekly for all prisoners along with weekly prayer meetings by the Chaplain and volunteers. A Higher Ground, ALPHA, and Purpose Driven Life are a few of the additional religious programs offered to prisoners on a weekly basis. During the last holiday season several local churches shared their musical talents with sing-along, choir services, and instruments for the inmate population.

Human Services & Inmate Programs: Our GED Program had 91 inmates who signed up and attended various classes and 15 earned their GED Certificates. The education program is supported by volunteer tutors and the partnership of Vocational Rehabilitation and Work Opportunities Unlimited in preparation for post-release services.

Sex Offender Accountability Program: There were 28 inmates involved in this program. 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. 82 inmates participated in this opportunity. AIDS Response of the Seacoast was awarded a grant to continue the service and offer confidential testing.

Celebrate Recovery: This new program is a Christian twelve step program addressing issues such as substance abuse, smoking, overeating, and gambling.

Pre-Release: Pre-release planning assisted many inmates in attempting to break down barriers when released to include assistance with driver and non driver identification, medical care, prescription procurement, psychological treatment, housing, and transportation. We have partnered with community service agencies to participate in a WRAP Group to help find solutions to the problems inmates face when re-entering society.

Academy Program: This State of New Hampshire grant funded program designed to target young adults with substance abuse or treatment issues. Participants are generally facing felony level sentences for non-violent offenses. There were 28 active participants in 2008 and 27 graduates to date.

Targeting Success: The computer driven program focuses on preparation for release including lessons for goal setting, job hunting, job interview, resume building, and financial planning.

Victim Impact: During 2008 five sessions were conducted and 32 inmates completed the three week course. The goal of this program is to develop a measure of empathy and reduce recidivism.

Employee Recognition: During the year we celebrated Correctional Employees Week and held four promotion ceremonies to recognize the advancement of officers through the ranks. With the retirement of several two long term employees, a number of supervisory positions became available with several correctional officer positions.

Volunteers: A volunteer recognition event was held in April to acknowledge the over one hundred and fifty volunteers who assist in education, counseling, bible study, and musical presentations to name a few talents.

Electronic Monitoring: 65 individuals have participated in the Electronic Monitoring program, with 35 successfully completed, 2 failures, and currently 28 are participating. This program has been a great success.

Supervised Community Release from Incarceration Program (SCRIP): This program is coordinated between Corrections and the Sheriff's Office. The goal of the program is to assist in the reduction of pre-trial detainees who are non-violent with strong ties to the community. Defendants and inmates are court ordered into the program and monitored by a Deputy Sheriff. It offers the court an option in lieu of incarceration for defendants with medical complications or special needs while maintaining supervision out on bail.

Medical: Our inmate medical care is contracted to Prime Care Medical Incorporated who specializes in prison health care. A renewed 5 year contract was developed and signed in 2005. Corrections and our Medical Department earned reaccreditation in 2008 from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. This is a credit to the hard work of these professionals.

Conclusion: I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners, Representative John Flanders, Chair of the Jail Subcommittee, members of the Jail Subcommittee, all members of the Delegation for their guidance and support during the past year, along with my administrative team, Business Office Manager Louise Turner, AnnMarie Nelson, Major John Blomeke, Captain Stephen Church, and Lieutenant's Ren Horne and Shawn Fogarty. Thank you to all department directors, elected officials, and their staff for their 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	Sheriff	Number
Atkinson	17	Hampstead	35	Northwood	37	Hillsborough	6
Auburn	30	Hampton	274	Nottingham	9	Rockingham	1061
Brentwood	40	Hampton Falls	29	Plaistow	71	Strafford	3
Candia	34	Kensington	36	Portsmouth	345	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number</u>
Chester	11	Kingston	78	Raymond	116	NH State Police	185
Danville	33	Londonderry	90	Rye	26	NH State Prison	3
Deerfield	30	Newcastle	2	Salem	377	NH Parole	138
Derry	241	Newfields	6	Sandown	21	Immigration	30
East Kingston	13	Newington	18	Seabrook	76	Self Turn In	37
Epping	62	Newmarket	59	South Hampton	0	US Marshal	9
Exeter	184	Newton	36	Stratham	52		
Fremont	27	North Hampton	21	Windham	28		
Greenland	22						

## Summary of Charges

Acts Prohibited	58	Fed/Immigration Chgs	58	Overnight Hold	368
Administrative Transfer	7	Felon-Firearm Possession	38	Perjury	2
Aggravated F. S. Assault	63	Felon-Sexual Assault	24	Pornography	4
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	16/74	Forgery	89	Possession	
Assault Simple	433	Fugitive from Justice	104	Controlled Drugs	386
Arson	3	Fraud. use Credit Card	34	Intent to Sell	27
Bail Jumping/Revoked	25/72	Habitual Offender	76	Prohibitive Sale	13
Burglary	112	Harassment	15	Prostitution	1
Changing # on Firearm	1	Hindering Apprehension	52	Protective Custody	517
Conduct After Accident	36	Indecent Exposure	7	Prowling	15
Conspiracy	7	Issuing Bad Check	33	Receiving Stolen Property	161
Contempt of Court	91	Interfere with Custody	9	Reckless Conduct/Oper.	71/12
Criminal Liability	22	Kidnapping	1	Resist Arrest	149
Criminal Mischief	108	Lewdness	1	Robbery	34
Criminal Restraint	5	Military Deserter	2	Riot	1
Criminal Threat/Trespass	120/81	Motor Vehicle		Sale-Controlled Drugs	68
Cruelty to Animals	1	Violation	27	Shoplifting	174
Disobey a Police Officer	61	Unauthorized Usage	6	Stalking	5
Disorderly Conduct	100	Murder-1st Degree	1	State Prison Transfers	8
Domestic Violence	5	Murder-2nd Degree	3	Theft/Deception/Unauth.	267/26/13
DWI Sentence/Pre-trial	196/229	Negligent Homicide	1	Transport Controlled Drugs	6
Endangerment of Child	21	Non Payment of Fine	1	Unlawful Poss.-Alcohol	81
Escape	1	Non Support	48	Unlawful Use-Weapon	4
Fail-Reg.-Sex Offender	18	Obstruction-Crime Report	5	Violation-Parole/Protective	435/120
False Imprisonment	3	Operating-Rev./Susp	279	Warrants	144
False Report to Police	54	Operating-without Lic.	6	Witness Tampering	8
False Scrips	10	Open Container	12	<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>6,087</b>