

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Through the continued use of alternative programs the average daily count was limited to less than a 1% increase. This was accomplished by processing prisoners into home confinement, electronic monitoring, supervised pre-trial release, STAR Program, Academy Program, and Anger Management. The average daily population in jail during the year was 336 inmates. Electronic monitoring daily population was 20.

<u>Admissions</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Male Inmates	3,340	3,349
Female Inmates	718	728
Total	4,058	4,077

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 and the STAR 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 38,420 inmate hours. 8 towns received over 9,500 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 2009 the Community Work Program completed storm cleanup 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 117 victims registered. The system dealt with 1,321 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: 14 inmates participated in the program with a success rate of 92%.

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 95 inmates who signed up and attended various classes and 29 earned their GED Certificates. The education program is supported by volunteer tutors and the partnership of Exeter Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Work Opportunities Unlimited in preparation for post-release services.

Sex Offender Accountability Program: There were 24 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: Community providers working with our medical department offer counseling and education to inmates. AIDS Response of the Seacoast lost their grant funding and no longer offers this service to the facility.

Celebrate Recovery: This 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 20 active participants in the program. Due to lack of funding by the New Hampshire Department of Corrections this program ended in 2009.

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.

Employee Recognition: During the year we celebrated Correctional Employees Week and held five promotion ceremonies to recognize the advancement of officers through the ranks. With the retirement of several 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 volunteers who assist in education, counseling, bible study, and musical presentations to name a few talents.

Electronic Monitoring: 20 or more individuals have participated in the Electronic Monitoring program. In April, the servicing vendor changed to Secure Alert Incorporated. They provide GPS monitoring that is advanced technology over the conventional ankle bracelet system.

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.

Anger Management: In 2009, an eight module anger management program began. We expect that the program will have a beneficial impact on behavior in the building and when the inmate is released.

Art Therapy: 115 inmates participated in a new art therapy program conducted by our Mental Health Counselor. This program has been successful from the start. Inmates were able to make hand crafted gifts to their children and families during the holiday season.

Special Education: 18 inmates were identified as meeting the State Department of Education requirements for special education while incarcerated. The appropriate school system was notified and tutoring was conducted with the facility as required. Two of these students earned their high school diploma while in custody and others did as well soon after being released through adult education programs.

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, Shawn Fogarty, and David Consentino. 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	25	Northwood	21	Hillsborough	2
Auburn	10	Hampton	262	Nottingham	20	Rockingham	1158
Brentwood	41	Hampton Falls	26	Plaistow	74	Strafford	1
Candia	55	Kensington	36	Portsmouth	313		
Chester	13	Kingston	60	Raymond	93	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number</u>
Danville	34	Londonderry	123	Rye	10	NH State Police	196
Deerfield	14	Newcastle	1	Salem	372	NH State Prison	2
Derry	250	Newfields	16	Sandown	19	NH Parole	106
East Kingston	7	Newington	32	Seabrook	114	Immigration	1
Epping	63	Newmarket	62	South Hampton	9	Self Turn In	75
Exeter	192	Newton	18	Stratham	37	US Marshal	8
Fremont	14	North Hampton	31	Windham	28		
Greenland	16						

Summary of Charges

Acts Prohibited	66	Fed/Immigration Chgs	14	Overnight Hold	356
Administrative Transfer	1	Felon-Firearm Possession	33	Pornography	1
Aggravated F. S. Assault	31	Felon-Sexual Assault	25	Possession	
Assault 1 st /2 nd Degree	20/31	Forgery	75	Burglary Tools	1
Assault Simple	419	Fugitive from Justice	78	Controlled Drugs	485
Arson	3	Fraud. use Credit Card	36	Hypodermic	1
Bail Jumping/Revoked	12/91	Gambling	1	Intent to Sell	28
Burglary	158	Habitual Offender	65	Prohibitive Sale	1
Conduct After Accident	35	Harassment	24	Protective Custody	543
Conspiracy	17	Hindering Apprehension	32	Prowling	14
Contempt of Court	122	Indecent Exposure	8	Receiving Stolen Property	214
Criminal Liability	14	Issuing Bad Check	19	Reckless Conduct/Oper.	80/19
Criminal Mischief	122	Interfere with Custody	13	Resist Arrest	152
Criminal Restraint	9	Kidnapping	3	Robbery	44
Criminal Threat/Trespass	109/79	Lewdness	5	Sale-Controlled Drugs	85
Cruelty to Animals	1	Littering	2	Shoplifting	218
Cruelty to Corpse	1	Motor Vehicle		Stalking	19
Destruction of Evidence	5	Violation	19	State Prison Transfers	7
Disobey a Police Officer	54	Unauthorized Usage	10	Theft/Deception/Unauth.	252/20/10
Disorderly Conduct	95	Murder-1st Degree	4	Transport Controlled Drugs	17
Domestic Violence	2	Murder-2nd Degree	4	Unlawful Poss.-Alcohol	72
DWI Sentence/Pre-trial	176/214	Murder-Attempted	2	Unlawful Use-Weapon	6
Endangerment of Child	19	Non Payment of Fine	1	Violation-Parole/Protective	401/147
Escape	3	Non Support	65	Warrants	104
Fail-Reg.-Sex Offender	17	Obstruction-Crime Report	2	Wire Tapping	1
False Imprisonment	1	Operating-Rev./Susp	260	Witness Tampering	8
False Report to Police	49	Operating-without Lic.	12	Total Charges	6,117
False Scrips	14	Open Container	9		