

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Through the continued use of alternative programs the average daily count was limited to a 4% increase. This was accomplished by processing prisoners into home confinement, electronic monitoring, supervised pre-trial release, and the Academy Program. The average daily population in jail during the year was 326 inmates. Electronic monitoring daily population was 25.

<u>Admissions</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Male Inmates	3,346	3,365
Female Inmates	675	699
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,021</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 increased 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 38,100 inmate hours. 8 towns received a total of 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 2007 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 164 victims registered. The system received 1,131 incoming calls and 1,017 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: 52 inmates participated in the program with a success rate of 86%.

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 63 inmates who signed up and attended various classes and 12 earned their GED Certificates. The education program is supported by volunteer tutors, Southeast Regional Education Services Center, the partnership of Vocational Rehabilitation and Work Opportunities Unlimited in preparation for post-release services.

Sex Offender Accountability Program: There were 22 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. 35 inmates participated in this opportunity. AIDS Response of the Seacoast was awarded a grant to continue the service and offer confidential testing.

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.

Victim Impact: This new program was established in February 2006. Five sessions have been conducted and 28 inmates have 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 two long term Sergeants, a number of supervisory positions became available with several correctional officer positions. All positions were filled during the year and more retirements are expected in 2008.

Electronic Monitoring: 60 individuals have participated in the Electronic Monitoring program, with 31 successfully completed, 1 failure, and currently 28 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 is three and a half years old and 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 accreditation in 2005 from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and will seek re-accreditation in 2008. 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 Rusty Poliquin 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

<u>Town</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Sheriff</u>	<u>Number</u>
Atkinson	22	Hampstead	21	Northwood	27	Hillsborough	2
Auburn	55	Hampton	273	Nottingham	16	Merrimack	1
Brentwood	31	Hampton Falls	18	Plaistow	77	Rockingham	1023
Candia	31	Kensington	21	Portsmouth	305	Strafford	1
Chester	10	Kingston	74	Raymond	101		
Danville	23	Londonderry	110	Rye	27	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number</u>
Deerfield	42	Newcastle	1	Salem	327	NH State Police	252
Derry	183	Newfields	14	Sandown	20	NH State Prison	3
East Kingston	19	Newington	15	Seabrook	69	NH Parole	165
Epping	53	Newmarket	55	South Hampton	2	Immigration	115
Exeter	142	Newton	53	Stratham	65	Self Turn In	77
Fremont	26	North Hampton	39	Windham	25	US Marshal	12
Greenland	19						

## Summary of Charges

Acts Prohibited	109	Fed/Immigration Chgs	137	Overnight Hold	247
Aggravated F. S. Assault	38	Felon-Firearm Possession	31	Pornography	9
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	4/26	Felon-Sexual Assault	20	Possession	
Assault Simple	398	Fish & Game Violations	1	Controlled Drugs	362
Assault Police Officer	4	Forgery	47	Intent to Sell	9
Arson	3	Fugitive from Justice	99	Hypodermic	1
Bail Jumping/Revoked	12/57	Fraud. use Credit Card	30	Prop. without s/n	1
Burglary	113	Habitual Offender	91	Prohibitive Sale	7
Conduct After Accident	32	Harassment	18	Prostitution	8
Conspiracy	10	Hindering Apprehension	39	Protective Custody	517
Contempt of Court	90	Indecent Exposure	13	Prowling	10
Criminal Liability	7	Issuing Bad Check	19	Receiving Stolen Property	126
Criminal Mischief	137	Interfere with Custody	15	Reckless Conduct/Oper.	66/28
Criminal Restraint	9	Kidnapping	2	Resist Arrest	144
Criminal Threat/Trespass	150/74	Motor Vehicle		Robbery	46
Cruelty to Animals	6	Attempted Theft	1	Sale-Controlled Drugs	48
Default	15	Violation	24	Shoplifting	177
Disobey a Police Officer	67	Unauthorized Usage	10	Stalking	62
Disorderly Conduct	81	Murder-1st Degree	2	State Prison Transfers	35
Destruction Evidence	1	Murder-2nd Degree	4	Theft/Deception/Unauth.	108/78/19
DWI Sentence/Pre-trial	165/225	Non Payment of Fine	3	Transport Controlled Drugs	14
Endangerment of Child	15	Non Support	60	Unlawful Poss.-Alcohol	84
Escape	6	Obstruction-Crime Report	3	Unlawful Use-Weapon	63
Fail-Reg.-Sex Offender	9	Operating-Rev./Susp	252	Violation-Parole/Protective	300/124
False Report to Police	43	Operating-without Lic.	27	Warrants	151
False Scrips	20	Open Container	39	Welfare Fraud	41
				Wire Tapping	3
				Witness Tampering	94
				<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>5,915</b>