

Warden's Report

October 2020

Acting Warden Donna Mellon stated that the current inmate population is 1,203.

There are 1,070 males and 133 females.

Total commitments for October was 569 and 499 discharges.

The recidivism rate is 62%.

On two separate occasions, jail officials received information that led to the discovery of contraband in the facility. Both incidents have been referred to the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and investigations are being conducted. The release of any additional information awaits the conclusion of that investigation.

Ms. Mellon reported that video visits continue to run well. The video visitation schedule will be modified to expand into the evening hours from 5 PM to 8 PM. The installation of hardware to enhance tablets will begin on Monday, November 16th. New wireless charging boxes and additional access points will be installed on all units. The work is expected to be completed in about 3 weeks.

Ms. Mellon reported that instructions on ordering Secure Pack are posted on the county website and in the jail. Family and friends may purchase packages through the jail commissary provider, Keefe. The Secure Pack Program will begin during Thanksgiving and will be available for Christmas and New Year's also.

Ms. Mellon mentioned that GEO would like to purchase holiday gift bags for the inmate population through the Inmate Welfare Fund. The inmates would receive a gift on Christmas that includes socks and commissary items.

There are 4 people on the Norristown State Hospital wait list. Currently Norristown is not accepting new commits due to COVID-19. They will be accepting inmates again once they are virus free for two weeks.

There were 39 inmates who were released to Drug and Alcohol programs in October. There are 7 inmates in the Vivitrol Program, including 1 female.

Programs continue to run. There were 28 tests taken and 14 tests were passed. One inmate earned their GED with the highest score to date. He will receive college credits.

Maintenance Update: On Friday November 6th a pipe burst under the main driveway. It had been leaking and needed immediate repair. KBX Golden was awarded a one-year contract to maintain the Sewer Treatment Plant, starting on December 1st.