

Warden's Report

September 2020

Acting Warden Dona Mellon recognized Correctional Officer Michael Pelleriti who passed away suddenly on Thursday, October 1st. Mr. Pelleriti was a correctional officer for 42 years and he will be missed.

Ms. Mellon stated that the current inmate population is 1,185.

There are 1,044 males and 141 females.

Total commitments for September was 519 commitments and 441 discharges.

The average daily population in August was 1,048. In September, it was 1,087. In October it is 1,158.

The recidivism rate continues to be 63%.

There were no major incidents in September.

Ms. Mellon reported that GTL has provided one free 5-minute phone call to every inmate each week. It began on September 14th and there is no end date. The tablet kickoff meeting with GTL was held on Friday, September 25th to enhance tablets per the contract. New access points will be installed, and the work should be done by the end of the year.

Ms. Mellon reported that the Secure Pack program will begin with the Thanksgiving holiday and will be available for Christmas and New Year's also. Family and friends may purchase packages through the jail commissary provider, Keefe. Announcements will be placed in jail and on the prison website.

There was a Voter Registration drive held at the jail and it ended on Friday, September 25th. GEO staff had registered approximately 315 inmates. There were 208 inmates who had registered in Delaware county and there were 107 who had registered in other PA counties. There were 278 inmates who had completed their application for a mail in ballot. There were 191 inmates who had applied for a mail in ballot in Delaware County and there were 87 inmates who had applied for a mail in ballot in other PA counties. Ms. Mellon thanked Deputy Facility Administrator Lee Tatum and his staff for their hard work with getting all the applications submitted in a timely manner.

Currently, there are 2 people on the Norristown State Hospital wait list. The average wait time is a week or less.

There were 47 inmates who were released to Drug and Alcohol programs in September. There are 6 inmates in the Vivitrol Program. There were 5 graduates from the Vivitrol Program in September.

Programs continue to run. There were 48 modules for GED taken and 19 modules were passed. Inmates will have the opportunity to retake the test.

Maintenance Update: Ms. Mellon will be requesting a permanent generator for the sewer treatment plant at the County Council Agenda meeting on Tuesday, October 20th.

Per the contract, GEO will start renovating the Programs building in 2 to 3 weeks. Once the furniture comes in.