

Warden's Report
October 2021

Assistant Warden Kelly Shaw reported the following:

Current Population: 1,555

County Males: 1,317

County Females: 184

Transfers: 14

Lodgers: 36

Weekenders/Male: 4

Weekenders Female: 0

Total commitments in September -- 494

Total discharges in September -- 508

Recidivism rate: 65%

Major Incidents:

Sadly, there was an inmate death on Wednesday, September 15th. A male resident was found unresponsive in his cell at 9:19 am. The Jail Oversight Board, CID and the medical examiner were notified immediately.

GTL Update:

Video Visitation is from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, in-person visits begin at 12:30 pm each day. The Video Visits and in-person visits are scheduled online, two days in advance. There were 469 Video Visits scheduled in September. To date, there were 5,557 video visits scheduled and remain free of charge. There were 406 in-person visits scheduled in September.

Behavioral Health Update:

There were 8 residents on the Norristown State Hospital wait list. There were 3 residents with possible diversion to other programs. There were 83 residents discharged to inpatient treatment facilities in September.

Education Programs in September:

Contact teaching continues in small same unit cohorts. In September, there were 25 GED tests administered with a 51% passing rate for the year. There were 2 GED's earned, bringing the year total to 23. There were 75 students enrolled in GED preparation class. There were 7 students enrolled in the Flagger Training Program. There were 15 participants in Work Place Essential Skills/Computer Literary class with 2 completions.

Treatment Programs:

In September, there were 78 participants in PREP I, with 19 completions. There were 26 participants in PREP II, with 4 completions. The MAT Vivitrol Program had 27 participants with 2 graduates. Currently there are 27 participants in the Vivitrol Program, with 11 females.

Maintenance Update:

One of the two new tray washers have been installed.

On Monday, September 27th the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections audited and approved the Facilities Training Curriculum. The approval will remain in effect until June 18, 2024. Ms. Shaw congratulated the facility and GEO Training Administrator, Captain John McCarthy.

On Friday, October 1st the courts had reopened the Weekender Program at the DUI building. The building is a dormitory setting that is sectioned off into units. With COVID measures in place, only one resident is housed in each section.

On Friday, October 22nd and Saturday October 23rd from 9am to 4 pm, the Delaware County, Chester Partnership for Safe Neighborhoods, and the District Attorney's office are hosting a "Wipe out your Warrant" event at the Christian Church of Chester. All persons with non-violent charges and an outstanding CP (Common Pleas) or MDJ (Magisterial District Judge) bench warrant will have an opportunity to surrender to authorities in a safe, non-governmental setting. Ms. Shaw thanked GEO Records Manager, Michael Root for representing the jail and assisting on both days.