

Warden's Report
January 2021

Interim Warden Lee Tatum reported the following:

Current Population: 1,145

County Males: 1,005
County Females: 109
Transfers: 6
Lodgers: 25

Total commitments in December – 355
Total discharges in December -- 447 discharges.

Recidivism rate 63%

Major Incidents

On Monday, December 7, 2020: A 20-year-old male inmate committed suicide. He was discovered hanging in his cell. Unit security staff cut him down and applied CPR upon discovery. Medical staff were also on the unit at the time and took over CPR. EMS arrived and took over life saving measures. The inmate was pronounced deceased. Family members were notified.

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020: A 22-year-old male was found hanging in his cell. Security cut the inmate down and initiated CPR. Medical arrived less than 2 minutes later and the inmate was breathing and responsive. The inmate was sent to an outside hospital for evaluation. The inmate returned to the jail and placed on suicide watch.

On Saturday, January 2, 2021: A 57-year-old male succumbed to stage 4 metastatic cancer. The inmate had been hospitalized since December 19th. Family members were notified.

GTL Update

There were 342 Video Visits scheduled in December. To date, there were 1,231 video visits that have been completed and remain free of charge.

Commissary

Commissary operation remains normal. The JOB had approved weekly gift bags for the inmate population as a measure to lessen the emotional impact of COVID-19 restrictions. The distribution began Friday, January 8, 2021.

Behavioral Health Update

Currently there are 5 inmates on the Norristown State Hospital wait list. Of the 5, there are 3 inmates who are scheduled to depart soon. There were 60 inmates who were released to Drug and Alcohol programs in December. There are 4 participants in the Vivitrol Program. There were 6 participants who completed the program.

Maintenance Update

On Sunday, December 27th the heating system for Unit 4, pods A&D went down, and inmates were moved to another unit. The repairs were completed on Monday, December 28th.

The kitchen grill was replaced.

The Heat Exchanger for the Records building will cost about \$8,800.00 GEO will pay \$7500.00 of the cost.

KBX reported that 2 of 3 operating pumps for sewage removal are inoperable. There must be two operable pumps to operate efficiently. One of the pumps must be replaced.

Security Initiatives

Mr. Tatum's office and GEO staff had met with representatives from a company called 'TextBehind' for a presentation on screening inmate mail at a remote location for security purposes. Further details will be forwarded to the Jail Oversight Board.