

# 2012 Annual Report

of the

# Clark County Sheriff's Office Corrections Branch



## *Chief's Message*

*The common phrase “fair, firm and consistent” was coined years ago for good reason, and it is just as applicable today as it was then. We should strive to maintain a consistent, professional demeanor at all times.*

*Professionalism remains a major factor in maintaining the proper mind set for dealing with inmates. We should remember that inmates are confined as punishment and not for punishment. I ask that you please be mindful of safety and security at all times. We cannot take short-cuts and we cannot work hastily as the effects of doing so can sometimes have a negative impact.*

*As an employer, I expect employees to come to the workplace with the desire to add value. Adding value can be exemplified in many ways; completing special assignments with a unique or an innovative approach, displaying a high degree of initiative in the performance of duties, providing exemplary service to the public, successfully handling an unexpected or crisis situation, innovative use or reduction of resources, extraordinary contribution to a key departmental or county goal, or achieving outstanding, unanticipated outcomes on a project.*

*I want to thank you so much for your commitment and efforts to the Correction Branch. As Max DePree once said, “The key elements in the art of working together are how to deal with change, how to deal with conflict, and how to reach our potential ... the needs of the team are best met when we meet the needs of individual persons.” Your experience and knowledge contribute greatly to the success of our department.*

*I appreciate your attention to detail, the quality of your work, and the time and energy you devote to running a safe and secure jail facility. You are to be commended for the excellence you portray and the hard and often thankless job that you do. Train each other, lead each other, care for each other, enjoy the differences whatever they may be, and above all else, be safe!*

*Jackie Webster*

# Special Recognition

## Years of Service

30 years - Deputy Mark Davis

20 years - Deputy Julie Boddie, Deputy Vickie Jacobs, Deputy Myrna Leija, Deputy Mike Owens, & Deputy Drew Smetana, Food Service Coordinator Vickie Jacobs, and Jail Industries Supervisor Sheldon Russell

## Corrections Deputy of the Year – Kent Carroll

Deputy Carroll has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2006. He is highly competent in any work position he is assigned and is known to go above and beyond on a daily basis. Aside from Deputy Carroll's known skills and abilities, he brings to the work place a positive attitude and a sense of humor that serves his coworkers and supervisors in good stead in a job that is filled with challenges and stress.

## Corrections Sergeant of the Year – BJ Farrell

Sergeant Farrell showed a great level of care and connection to her staff, coworkers and supervisors. Her desire to build camaraderie and teamwork was evident to those who work with her. She helped maintain strong working relationships between the Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Department of Corrections personnel who were assigned to our work release program. When it was necessary to combine populations her strong leadership made the transition as smooth as possible. Sergeant Farrell has recently retired and we continue to wish her all the best in a long and happy retirement.

## Life Saving Award

Deputies Kurt Hollopeter, Mary Lauson, Cindi Morrow, Ken Nash, Randy Robison, Robert Tyrell, Paul Uminski, JD Winters and Sergeant Clayton Paradis were all presented with the Life Saving Award for their actions on of October 10, 2012 when quick response, skills, training and their professional actions saved a life of a Clark County citizen.

## Purple Heart Awards

Deputy Jason Beeks & Deputy Clarice Jones. Each Deputy was injured by an inmate in separate incidents and has had to work hard to recover their physical well-being to be back on duty.



From the end of 2011 through September of 2012, the Corrections Branch experienced 6 in-custody completed suicides. Each event was extremely difficult for the involved families as well as the employees who responded. In response to this sharp increase of successful suicides, Sheriff Lucas redeployed members of the jail's administration with instructions to determine and implement methods to improve inmate health and safety. The Clark County Board of County Commissioners responded to these incidents with \$545,000 in funds to help mitigate identifiable physical plant hazards to inmate health and safety. The combined effort resulted in changes to sheriff's office philosophy, planned changes in operations of the main jail and jail work center as well as planned changes to the main jail facilities.

The most critical area of main jail physical plant changes was with the sprinkler heads in the inmate housing areas. The exposed pipes associated with the typical design of this device have been used for most suicide attempts. Other areas of concern were identified and are now being mediated in an attempt to lessen the options available for self-harm through ligature.

However, alterations to the facility are only part of the changes needed. In order to affect systemic change more must be done to change the information flow with regard to inmates. From the passing on of information garnered by the arresting officers, to the information given to and received from the inmate during incarceration and upon release, more needs to be shared and more needs to be applicable. A person being released needs to know how to contact community resources and make use of them rather than falling back into the same patterns that resulted in the previous incarceration.

This change or transformation is currently underway within the newly renamed Corrections Branch of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. This term has become more than a description of change but is now used as an acronym for the strategies needed to accomplish set goals and core missions.

**Treatment**  
**Re-entry**  
**Accountability**  
**Networking**  
**Safety**  
**Fiscal Prudence**  
**Organization**  
**Respect**  
**Mission**

The core mission of the Corrections Branch of the Clark County Sheriff's Office is helping inmates released from our facilities successfully reenter our community through a comprehensive level of supervision and care. In 2013, the Corrections Branch will move towards the immediate goal of transforming our approach to corrections through training, upgrading facilities and initiating programs that help meet this core mission.

## **Operations**

### **Main Jail**

The main jail is the facility located downtown that houses the bulk of the Sheriff's Office detainees. This facility also houses the medical areas, classification, booking functions, transport services and those persons who require closer supervision.

## Jail Work Center

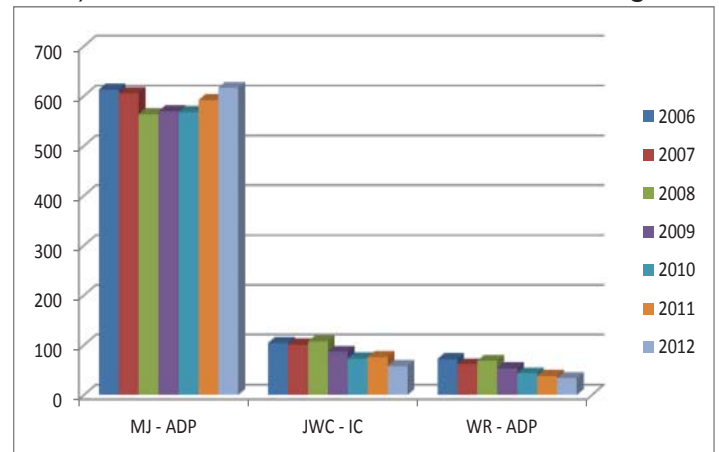
The Jail Work Center is a minimum security facility located by the Port of Vancouver on Lower River Road. This site has the In-Custody building; the Work Release building; and the Kitchen / Laundry / Warehouse building. The in-custody building currently contains all of the inmates due to a portion of the deputies being redeployed to minimize overtime.

## In-Custody Minimum Security Inmates

Staff monitor and supervise minimum security non-work release inmates. Most of the non-work release inmates are inmate workers (also known as trustees). The inmate workers from this building are dispersed to: kitchen; laundry; grounds crew; and downtown campus-car wash.

## Work Release

Is a partial-confinement program for individuals, who qualify, to live in jail but continue to work at their current jobs, or in the case of state offenders, are assisted in finding a job for re-entry purposes. Currently a contract with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) allows up to 29 state inmates in our facility. The rest in this program are those inmates referred by the local courts.



## Support Functions

While the primary function of the Corrections Branch of the Clark County Sheriff's Office is to house and care for those remanded into their care. However, there are several other functions that must take place to support the primary mission.

## Transport

The Jail Transport Unit is responsible for moving inmates to all court appointments, between jurisdictions, and to specialty medical appointments within the community at large.

The 13 Corrections Deputy which work in the transport unit recognizes and appreciate the help and assistance from all the stakeholders in order to provide customer service to the 6 District Court Judges and 2 Commissioners, 8 Superior Court Judges and 2 Commissioners on a regular basis. In 2012, 11,277 inmates were transported to Superior Court and 10,594 inmates to District Court, including 49 in-custody criminal trials. Collectively, a total of 21,871 inmates were moved from the jail to their various court appearances.

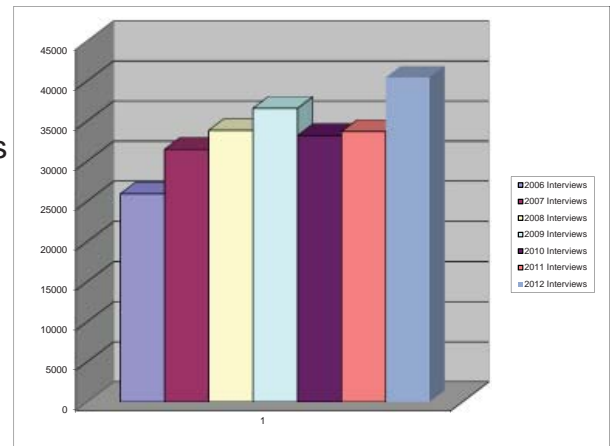
Clark County Corrections Branch participates in the cooperative mini chain shuttle system which allows an inmate to be transferred from the originating arresting agency to the requesting agency. This cooperative shuttle system saves each agency that participates time, money and resources. In 2012, 2,693 inmates were moved north to Cowlitz County, south to Multnomah County, or east to Skamania County on various mini-chain shuttles.

In addition to moving inmates to their required court appearances, 114 inmates were taken to Western State Hospital for evaluations, 10 to Tacoma for the US Marshall and 84 inmates to medical appointments.

## Classification

The classification unit evaluates and categorizes inmates in a manner that will meet department and branch missions while managing inmates in a safe, secure, effective, and constitutionally-compliant manner. The inmate classification process is a non-punitive management tool used for screening, evaluating, grouping, housing, and supervising inmates. This process includes evaluating an inmate's current and historical special needs, discipline, charges, behavior, and any other pertinent information.

This unit is also responsible for inmate disciplinary board hearings involving major infractions of jail rules. Deputies within the Classification unit held 954 major board hearings that directly affect jail safety and security. Classification Deputies also conducted 13,591 interviews during this reporting period making determinations that affect inmate, staff, and community safety. Fluctuations in certain populations throughout the year, made it necessary for the classification unit to move entire living units from one area to another which was a huge undertaking; involving unit capacity, inmate safety and risk status, and keep separate concerns.



## Medical

The Sheriff's Office contracts with Conmed Healthcare Management, Inc. for inmate medical services.

During the course of 2012 the medical clinic served an average of 90 patients a day. There were 33,061 clinical visits for medical triage and treatment. The Medical Director and Physician's Assistant treated an additional 2,208 and the Dentist provided on site dental treatment to 584 patients.

The mental health services clinic averaged 883 patient sessions a month, all provided by a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and two mental health counselors.

## Laundry

This unit services the main-jail, jail work center, the juvenile detention facility and lifeline connections. Using inmate labor, laundry is collected, washed, folded and delivered to the listed facilities, five days per week. This also includes bio-contaminated linens as they occur. In 2012, approximately 598,995 lbs. of laundry were processed, which is approximately 300 tons.

## Janitorial

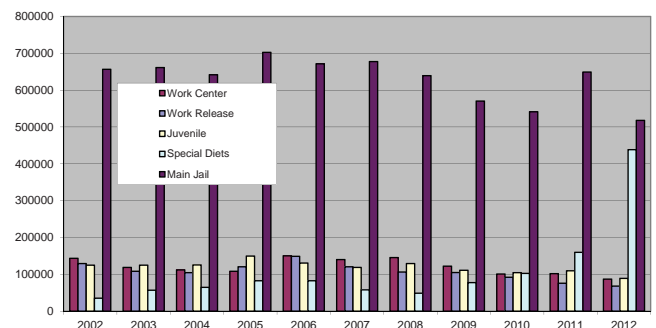
The secured portion of the main-jail, are cleaned utilizing a crew of working inmates (trusties). They clean, wax, and buff the floors as well as the booking and pod control areas.

## Food Service

The Food Services unit services the main-jail, jail work center, and the juvenile detention facility. Using inmate labor, they cook and distribute meals to the listed facilities three times per day, seven days per week.

During 2012, \$59,866.30 was generated and returned to the Clark County general fund from reimbursements provided by the State of Washington, (Child Nutrition Program) for the school lunch and school breakfast programs.

The Food Services Unit is monitored by the County Public Health Department. It continually achieves very high ratings.



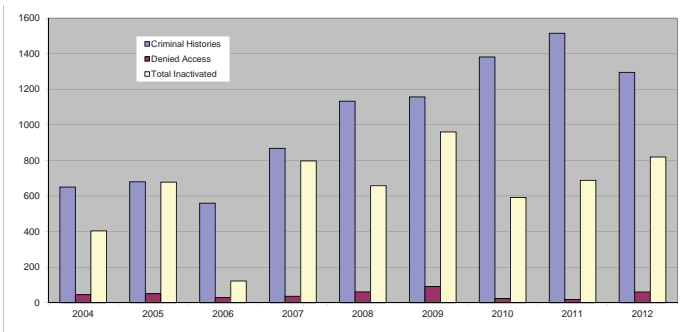


## Security Response Team

The Clark County Corrections Branch maintains a Security Response Team (SRT) comprised of highly trained Corrections Deputies tasked with responding to incidents, riots, cell extractions, mass searches, or disturbances, possibly involving uncooperative or violent inmates. SRT is utilized in situations when conventional detention center resources are unable to maintain or regain control, or when circumstances present the potential of posing such a high risk that the skills and equipment of the team are the most effective option available. Team members are required to be available for contact and response at all times. SRT Deputies must also maintain above average performance evaluations and fitness levels. SRT is founded upon a team concept and is made up of highly motivated and experienced deputies. To assist with these goals the team meets on a regular basis for training and to conduct strikes ensuring proficiency of essential skills and critical incident readiness. The SRT conducts an annual facility inspection of the main jail; counting every screw and bolt in the jail. This is an arduous task but also very necessary. Throughout the year, the SRT also conducted searches of several living units and attended tactics trainings with the Clark Regional SWAT team.

## Support

The Correct Administration Support Unit is responsible for the paperwork portion of the operation. Processing supply orders for the jail and jail work center, gathering information and data required for lawsuits and public disclosure requests, jail clearance, facility repair coordination, tabulate facility statistics, program coordination, database management, construction/remodel coordination, contract monitoring, archival and file maintenance, budgets, medical billings, authorship of inmate handbooks, website maintenance and myriad other duties. Examples of volumes and work product for 2012 are medical bills and jail clearance. 762 medical billings were received for \$2,412,799.29, after a careful review the Corrections Branch paid \$429,696.84 for outside medical care and 19,666 professional visits occurred with 1,295 criminal histories being run to facilitate new persons wishing access.



*It is the mission of the Clark County Jail, in partnership with our community, to provide safe, secure and constitutional detention facilities in the most respectful, professional and fiscally responsible manner possible.*

# 2012 Jail Statistics

## Jail Population

Average Daily Population	708
Average Length of Stay	16
Avg Monthly Bookings	1,349
Avg Monthly Releases	1,355

## Transport

Inmates to Court	17,208
Mini Chain	2,738
Medical	84
Western State Hospital	114
Inmates to Video Arraignment	4,924

## Medical Unit

Inmates Seen by Staff	43,863
Seen by Mental Health	10,921

## Food Service

Total Meals Served	1,240,697
Restricted Diets	438,269
Cost Per Meal	\$1.53

## Classification

Interviews	8,957
Screen for Work Release	55
Made Trustee	358
Cell Changes	15,298

## Jail Operations

Escapes	0
Escape Attempts	2
Deaths	5
Suicide Attempts	19
Assaults on Staff	7
Officers Injured	5
Hostage Situation	0

## Work Release Operations

Walk Away	3
Terminations	21
New Admissions	163

## Inmate Discipline

Major Infractions	1,036
Minor Infractions	1,320
Top Three Major Infractions	
	Fighting
	Refusal to follow orders or delay
	3 minors equal a major

## Staffing

Administration	5
Custody Sergeants	18
Custody Staff	125
Support Staff	4
Food Service	14
Laundry/Industry	4
Medical Contract Positions	21.6

## Jail Industry

Offender Hours	121,302
Kitchen	94,400
Laundry	23,450
Janitorial	1,842
Industry	0
Outside & Grounds Crew	1,428
Other	182

## Office Information

Criminal Histories	1,295
Removed from Jail Access	819
Denied Jail Access	60
One Time Clearances	14
Medical Bills Processed	762
Medical Bills Paid	296

