

***Clark County  
Sheriff's Office  
Corrections Branch  
Annual Report  
2018***

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## Chief's Message

The mission of the Corrections Branch of the Clark County Sheriff's Office is to promote and maintain public safety through effective correctional and reentry practices. To this end, a multi-pronged approach was taken to improve safety within the main facility while aggressively pursuing outside resources and partnerships to improve community livability.

Population has been reduced by means of booking level adjustments. To improve overall main jail safety, the booking levels (or restrictions) were adjusted to reduce the overall population. In 2017, the Average Daily Population (ADP) was 711, in 2018, it dropped to 644. While the ADP dropped, the workload in the intake area was not impacted as the same people who would have been booked and housed, were booked and released.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with a number of community partners, was awarded a US Department of Justice, under the Second Chance Act grant "Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness". This grant was highly competitive and it was only through the hard work of all staff members, we were able to apply for and receive this grant. Planning has begun with a target implementation of the last part of 2019.

In addition to the Reentry Grant, Columbia River Mental Health was awarded a Star Grant for Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder. The opioid epidemic has an impact in all parts of our community and this partnership is the beginning step in giving people the tools and direction to break the cycle of chemical dependency and incarceration.

The last area of work has been to make our community aware of the needs of the Sheriff's Office buildings. This continues to be a community process that eventually will lead to the replacement of our aging and outdated facility.

In closing, words are never enough, but I am truly impressed, thankful and proud of the Corrections Deputies, Support Staff, Supervisors and Managers who have dedicated their time and lives to the public safety mission of the Clark County Sheriff's Office Corrections Branch.

Ric Bishop, 3119  
Chief Corrections Deputy

## Goals for 2019

Some of the indicators of success for the branch will be directly related to strategic goals while others will be operational or customary to the delivery of public safety services.

- \* Complete Installation of Suicide Resistant Bunks
- \* Security Systems Upgrades to the Main Jail
- \* Transition of JWC Building 1 to Lifeline Services for a Crisis Triage Center
- \* Prioritize the advancement of the Sheriff's diversity in hiring goals. Continuing to encourage more diversity in hiring through enhanced training efforts, greater use of in-house advertising of available positions, and participation in external recruitment efforts, revising and enhancing policies and processes as needed.
- \* Continue to work to replace or remodel the aging Main Jail

## Corrections Branch Overview

We take pride in our public service and strive to perform our duties in a manner that will be beyond reproach and reflect well upon our obedience to the laws of our State, best practices of the industry, and respect for others regardless of their station in life. Public awareness of the continuing deterioration of the physical Main Jail building along with all of its security systems have made it evident that mere repairs are insufficient to deal with the severity of the delineated shortcomings. Communications between our agency and the communities we serve are bringing awareness to the need for more services for the mentally ill. As community concerns are strengthened, identifying viable alternatives to traditional incarceration in order to reduce the size of our inmate population continues to be a priority. Sharing information with the public and the Board of County Councilors (BOCC) is showing promising possibilities that the need to build, expand, and/or replace many of our infrastructure systems in order to maintain adequate safety and security is being heard and understood.



The Corrections Administration team continues to design annual goals and prioritize actions to align with serving our governmental customers and the public. The Corrections Branch Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program is outstanding and nationally recognized. The Reentry Unit's innovative programming will help to ensure long-term recidivism reduction. The Corrections Branch is responsible to inmates in our custody: to provide a safe incarceration environment, to provide opportunities for education, rehabilitation and motivation to live successfully upon release. Actions must be of high quality, adverse to risk, and security focused. However, it must constantly be balanced with the goal of reducing costs to lessen the taxpayer burden. It is through these efforts we intend to unite Clark County behind our mission to improve public safety. Budget requests will not be superfluous but tied to ensuring the safety of staff and inmates.

Corrections staff selflessly place themselves in harm's way every day, doing their jobs to make this community safer and improve quality of life. Whether responding to a crisis or assisting an inmate to court or medical, the safety of the corrections deputies and contract staff is constantly placed at risk. The media consistently brings these hazards to the fore. The dedication and professionalism of our men and women is regularly on display as assigned duties are completed.

### Some of the projects completed in 2018:

- Continued suicide mitigation efforts F4 and C1 (Max-secure suicide resistant bunks, and vent grill change out)
- Continued improvements of the EIS Jail Management System
- Staffing continues to be a high priority and as such, we continue to attend job fairs, trade shows, and community hiring events. We also created a female recruitment poster
- Continued preventative maintenance requests
- A comprehensive inspection of the jail's ventilation system was performed and documented by corrections deputies and forwarded to Risk Management.
- Numerous jail tours for community partners and interest groups (DRW, Defense Bar, Strategic Leadership Team, DSHS child services division, applicants, etc.)



## Ongoing Projects:

- Competency Restoration
- Viable diversion programs for jail
- Superior Court Video Arraignment
- Quality Control in Booking
- Off-site booking
- Suicide resistant bunks in G3 and E1
- Improved preventative maintenance
- New time sheet recording system and new telephone system
- Money kiosk in booking
- Professional Visitor ID cards and jail entry process
- JMS Scope of Work and feature request additions to the system

## Operations

### Improvements in Operations

The jail now has water-based fire extinguishers in addition to chemical based extinguishers. Their use during a paper fire will greatly reduce the smoke and powder inside the facility. A comprehensive revision of both the Strip Search policy and procedure was completed in 2018. These changes will ensure consistency with Washington State case law while allowing us to address safety issues related to concealed contraband.

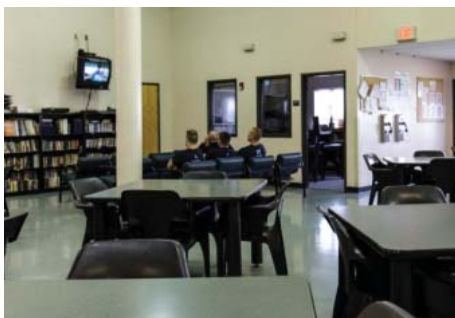
The process to introduce a new rank in the corrections branch (i.e. corporals) began with the anticipation of promoting corporals in mid-2019. Corrections Corporal is considered a lead worker between Sergeant and Deputy. The corporal rank will possess all authority and responsibilities of corrections deputies; however, as lead workers this will allow additional supervision, direct work and identify training needs. Allowing sergeants more time to perform their ever-increasing administrative duties: approving reports, employee performance evaluations, employee discipline, and payroll.



### Challenges In Operations.

2018 closed with a record number of inmates (six) concurrently housed at the hospitals. This was a challenge to our staffing model and fortunately, the number of inmates at the hospital did not remain at level for an excessive time. Thanks to everyone who worked the main jail, JWC and hospital details to cover this event.

The Jail Work Center continues to operate only one building (Building #2) for Work Release and other inmates. Although this change was originally due to a redeployment of deputies to minimize overtime expenditures, the dynamic continues.



The Work Release Screening Committee met for the final time in early 2018. The committee suspended further meetings due to the absence of a WA DOC Work Release Contract. Their years of dedicated service has been appreciated.

## Jail Transport

Throughout 2018, the jail transport unit was comprised of 12 corrections deputies and one corrections sergeant. The transport team was tasked with moving inmates for court appearances before the judges of the Clark County District and Superior Courts. In 2018, the unit moved 14,356 inmates for in-person appearances in the various courts. Included in this number were 53 criminal trials, requiring two deputies each over 126 trial days.

While some court proceedings necessitate individual, in-person appearances, the transport unit operates numerous technological and cooperative systems, which maximize efficiency and minimize cost when possible. One such program is the video arraignment service, which provides first [court] appearance via a video link – saving significant effort and risk. In 2018, 2149 inmates appeared before the Clark County District Courts using this technology. Additionally, 151 appearances were made to Battleground Municipal Court for the cities of Battle Ground, Ridgefield and La Center Washington.

The Northwest Cooperative Transport Shuttle provides another example of efficiency through cooperation. In this cooperative, participating jurisdictions agree to transport inmates from and to neighboring jurisdictions. During 2018, the transport unit moved 1928 inmates on the shuttle system, avoiding costly extradition expenses and saving taxpayer resources. Additionally, the transport unit transported 117 individuals to Western State Hospital, Eastern State Hospital, or other designated providers for competency or restoration services. Lastly, there were 116 inmate transports to non-emergency offsite medical appointments.

With over 36,000 miles traveled annually, the vehicles utilized by the jail transport unit must be safe, reliable, and efficient. 2018 saw significant modernization of the jail transport fleet, with the addition of a 16-passenger transport truck as well as a 4x4 SUV suitable for long-range winter transports in inclement weather.

## Jail Medical

The Sheriff's Office contracts with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) for inmate medical services. This



partner provides medical care for those at the Clark County Jail, Jail Work Center and the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. CCS practices a multidisciplinary approach to care, the respectful and humane treatment of the inmate population, and provides medical, dental, mental and behavioral health services.

- As reported by CCS for 2018 they managed:
- 7,502 Contacts with Medical Professionals
  - 7,041 Diabetic Checks
  - 10,407 Detox checks
  - 10,872 Mental Health Treatment Contacts
  - 637 Dental Patients
  - 98 Emergency Medical Calls
  - 28 Hospital Admissions
  - 91 Hospital Bed Days
  - 66 Emergency Room Visits
  - 109 off Site Medical Referrals



## Jail Population

Average Daily Population (ADP)	644
Average Length of Stay	18
Average Monthly Bookings	1064
Average Monthly Releases	1074
Work Release ADP	16
Jail Work Center ADP	62
Skamaia Rented Beds ADP	4
Official Jail Bed Count	590



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