

## Warden's Report

August 2020

Acting Warden Donna Mellon stated that the current inmate population is 1,070.

There are 751 males and 119 females.

For the month of August, there were 534 commitments and 494 discharges.

The recidivism rate was 63%.

Major incidents in August:

1. On Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11 PM an officer was assaulted by an inmate and injured. The officer was admitted to the hospital for treatment. He has since been released and is recuperating at home. The inmate was charged with the offense.
2. On Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> Secretary John Wetzel from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections toured the facility with Senator Kearney, and staff from Senator Williams' office. GEO staff was complimented on their professionalism and the GEO maintenance department was complimented on how they kept the jail running. They were also very impressed with the cleanliness of the facility.
3. On Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> the GEO servers went down. County IT was very helpful with getting employees access to the Jail Management System. The jail continued to be operational.

The new Assistant Warden of Facilities, Jim Hannigan will start Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hannigan has extensive knowledge of facility management through previous employment at Williamson Trade School, Gaudenzia Treatment Facilities, and LaSalle University.

The GTL 17-cent per minute phone rate went into effect on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Mellon discussed a new commissary program called Secure Pack. With Secure Pack family and friends have an opportunity to send a package to an inmate. There will be healthier food selections to choose from and the jail commissary provider, Keefe, will be putting the packages together.

Currently there are 0 people on the Norristown State Hospital wait list.

There were 57 inmates released to Drug and Alcohol programs in August. There are 8 inmates in the Vivitrol Program, including 1 female. There were 5 graduates from the Vivitrol Program last week.

Program instructors continue to meet with clients individually and in small cohort groups. GED teachers continue to meet with their students. There were 9 students who were tested for specific subjects. There were 7 students who passed the subjects.

Zoom church programs continue to be rotated throughout the jail.

Maintenance Update: Ms. Mellon mentioned the Sewer Plant continues to need maintenance. On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> there was a pre-bid meeting for the Waste Water Operator. There were 7 companies who toured the plant. The bids are due by Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Mellon also reported that the prison grounds were treated for the Spotted Lantern Fly on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>. The grant was covered under the Delaware County Conservation District.