

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Grafton Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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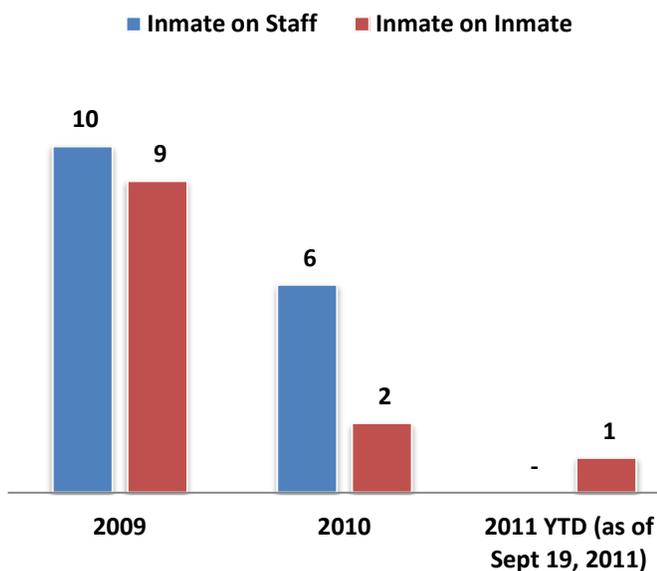
Institution Profile

- Grafton, Ohio
- Level 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Male
- Population: 1,516 (as of 9/15/11)
 - Capacity: 939 (current pop at 161%)
 - 51% Black, 47% White, and 2% Other
- Number of Employees: 376 (43 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From 2009 to 2010, total uses of force decreased from 83 to 51. In 2010, OC spray (mace) was used only four times.
- **Assaults:** From 2009 to 2010, inmate-on-inmate assaults decreased from nine to two. Inmate-on-staff assaults also decreased, from ten to six.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2010, the DRC reported 73 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no successful suicides and one suicide attempts during this period.

Total Assaults at GCI



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- On September 1, 2011, the DRC announced that Grafton Correctional Institution would absorb the North Coast Correctional Treatment Facility, currently operated by a private corporation, and run it as a camp.
- The institution reported a large number of vacancies and resulting overtime hours. The vacancies stem from a hiring freeze due to the expected sale of the facility to a private company.
- Staff have experienced significant turmoil due to the expected sale of the facility and then the resulting non-sale, in addition to staff loss and resulting high overtime.
- Several units had bunk beds on the dayroom floor, creating safety and security concerns due to the decreased visibility of officers. Staff relayed that the bunk beds have been on the floors for years; nevertheless, it remains an issue of concern.
- On the positive side, the facility reported a decrease in both uses of force and assaults from 2009 to 2010.
- Inmates rated their personal safety very high compared to other institutions of comparable security classifications.
- The institution as a whole was very clean, including the restroom areas.

CIIC Contacts

From March through August 2011, CIIC received 18 contacts regarding GCI. The top three concerns relayed were in regard to the RIB/Hearing Officer procedures, Supervision, and Health Care. CIIC did not conduct any inquiries during this time period.