

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Hocking Correctional Facility Inspection Brief

November 3, 2010

Institution Profile

- Nelsonville, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Male
- 483 inmates (as of 10/10)
 - 395 Whites, 86 Blacks, 2 Hispanics
- 152 staff
- 2011 GRF Budget of \$12,099,991
- Primarily an elderly inmate population

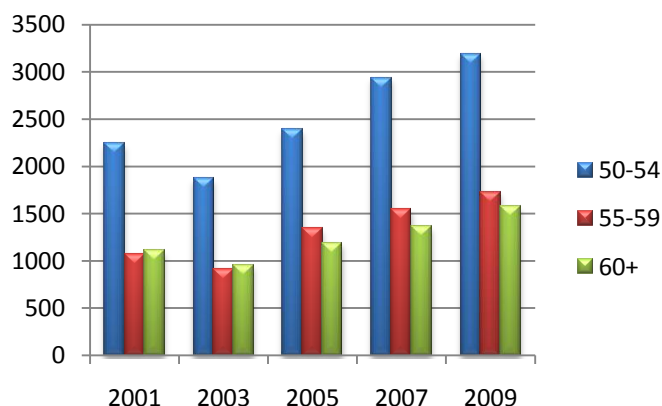
Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** The facility reported only **seven** use of force incidents from July 2009 through June 2010.
- **Assaults:** The facility reported only **two** physical incidents between inmates from July 2008 through July 2010. Only **one** inmate on staff assault was reported for the same time period.
- **Suicide Attempts:** The DRC reported 45 suicide attempts from January through September 2010. **Zero** suicide attempts occurred at the facility.

Key Findings

- The housing units were extremely hot. Although there were fans, no air circulation was felt. Many inmates were stripped down to boxers. Inmates reported that ice machines only provided four cups of ice every half hour. At the time of the inspection, one ice machine was broken.
- The dorms were crowded with little space between bunks.
- Inmates reported that they did not want to use the inmate grievance procedure for fear of retaliation.
- Mental Health staff pioneered a unique program to serve inmates who suffer from dementia, one of several initiatives geared toward serving the elderly population. Inmates are selected to serve as "Associate Aides" for inmates whom staff determine need guidance.
- Although 85% of the population is on the chronic care list, Medical Services staff reported that they do not have any backlog.

DRC Inmates Over 50 Years of Age



CIIC Contacts and Concerns

From January 1, 2009 to November 3, 2010, the CIIC received **4,279 contacts** regarding the prison system.

Of that total, **57 contacts** regarded HCF. The top three concerns reported to CIIC in regard to HCF were **Healthcare, Supervision, and Staff Accountability**.