

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Marion Correctional Institution Brief

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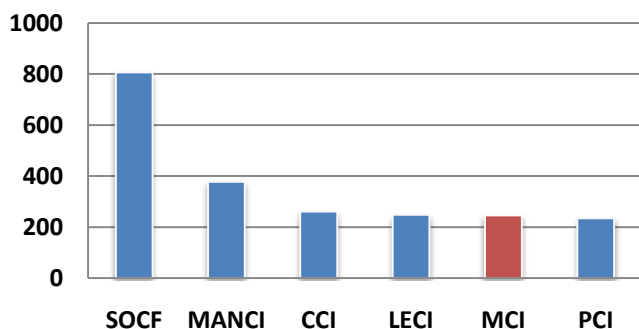
Institution Profile

- Marion, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Male
- 2,297 inmates (as of 1/31/11)
 - 1147 Black, 1062 White, 88 Other
- 451 staff
- GRF Budget of \$32,868,373

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** The facility reported **40** Use of Force incidents from July 2010 through December 2010.
- **Assaults:** The facility reported **34 inmate-on-inmate assaults** and **12 inmate-on-staff assaults** from February 2010 through February 7, 2011.
- **Suicide Attempts:** The DRC reported 73 suicide attempts from January through December 2010. **Zero** suicide attempts occurred at the facility.
- **Investigator Data:** The Investigator reported confiscations of marijuana, tobacco, syringes and needles, two shanks, and a cell phone.

Institutions with most CIIC Contacts: 128th General Assembly



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was positive, as no inmates relayed concerns regarding personal safety, issues with gangs, or theft of property.
- MCI has implemented several unique and creative programs, including the Prison News Network, which teaches graphic arts and media skills to inmates, a wildlife rescue program, and Lifeline, a comprehensive program that provides computer skills, language skills, and even conflict resolution skills.
- Medical services arose as a major concern during the course of the inspection. Inmates reported unprofessional conduct by medical staff, lengthy waitlists to see the doctor, and inadequate medical treatment. In the days following the inspection, CIIC received many letters from additional inmates, who also reported serious medical concerns.
- In addition to the medical issues, other critical concerns included restroom and shower conditions, alleged failure to follow disciplinary procedures, disrespectful staff/inmate interactions, and overcrowding of beds in the dormitories.

CIIC Contacts and Concerns

From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010, the CIIC received **4,586 contacts** regarding the DRC prison system.

Of that total, **246 contacts** were in reference to MCI. The top three concerns reported to CIIC in regard to MCI were **Health Care**, **Supervision**, and **Staff Accountability**.