

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Noble Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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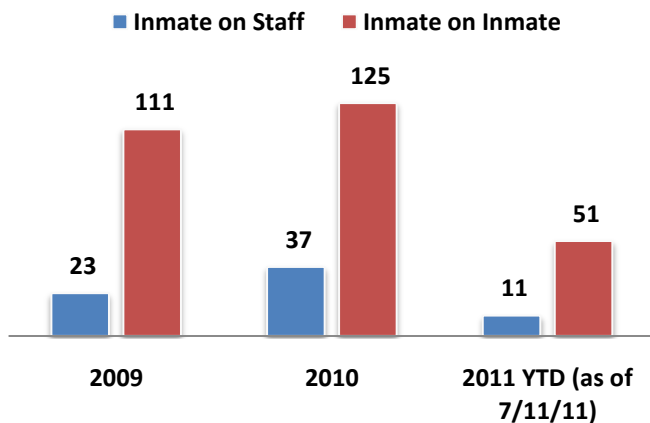
Institution Profile

- Caldwell, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Male
- Population: 2,502 (as of 7/11/11)
 - Capacity: 1,855 (current pop at 135%)
 - 38% Black, 60% White, and 2% Other
- Number of Employees: 440 (27 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From Jan – Jun 2011, there were 149 Use of Force incidents, which is high compared to other institutions of similar security levels.
- **Assaults:** From Jan 2009 – Jun 2011, there were 287 reported inmate-on-inmate assaults and 71 inmate-on-staff assaults (see below chart), which is high compared to other institutions.
- **Suicide Attempts:** From Jun 2010 – May 2011, the DRC reported 79 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no successful suicides and one suicide attempt during this period.

Total Assaults 2009 - 2011 YTD



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive due to the high quality of the staff.
- Inmate safety was identified as a critical concern due to inmate reports of frequent fights and the presence of gang activity. NCI has also been the site of several large violent disturbances.
- Inmate idleness is a concern due to the reported lack of activities, which inmates stated has a direct effect on the number of fights.
- The staff interviews were the most positive of any institution inspected yet this year, with staff volunteering praise for the Warden and administrative staff. Equally impressive, the Warden has implemented unique staff accountability measures. Staff stated that the facility “runs like a well-oiled machine.”
- Facility conditions were excellent, with all areas clean and orderly.
- Staff relayed that the Maintenance Dept at NCI is “excellent,” practicing preventative maintenance that both preserves equipment and saves money.
- Medical Services were rated as excellent, with no backlog of chronic care appointments and no on-site inmate complaints regarding quality of care.
- NCI also has implemented several creative incentive programs to positively manage inmate behavior.

CIIC Contacts

From Jan – Dec 2010, CIIC received 28 contacts regarding NCI. The top five reported concerns pertained to Health Care, Supervision, Staff Accountability, Institutional Assignment, and the Inmate Grievance Procedure.