

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

## Northeast Pre-Release Center Inspection Brief

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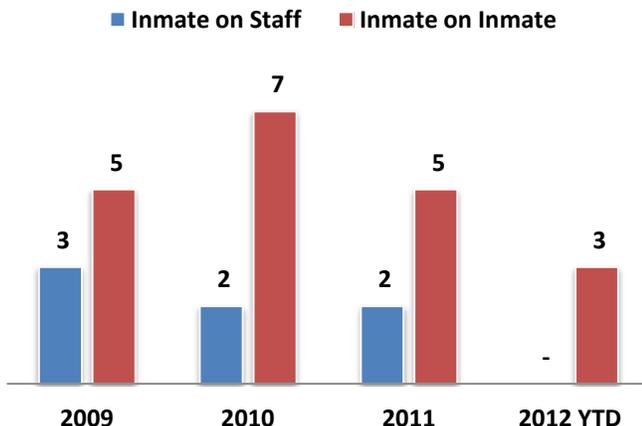
### Institution Profile

- Cleveland, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Female
- Population: 548 (as of 3/19/12)
  - Capacity: 590 (current pop at 92.9%)
  - 37% Black, 62.2% White
- Number of Employees: 152 (21 vacancies)

### Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In 2011, there were 14 reported uses of force, an increase of 367 percent in comparison to 2009. Chemical agents (mace) were not used in 2011.
- **Assaults:** In 2011, the facility reported five inmate-on-inmate assaults and two inmate-on-staff assaults.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2011, the DRC reported 57 attempted suicides, one of which occurred at NEPRC. This is no increase in comparison to 2009, in which there was also one attempt.

### Total Assaults 2009 - 2012



### Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- Although staff relayed the need for renovation, the facility appeared very attractive, clean, and well-maintained.
- 94.6 percent of the inmates interviewed reported that they felt safe or very safe. The facility also reported a very low rate of assaults.
- Each housing unit has its own work-out station, including an elliptical machine and various weight machines. Recreation staff reported a variety of activities, including line dancing and aerobics.
- Staff accountability measures were rated positively, with executive staff and officers consistently documenting rounds.
- The primary concern pertained to medical. Inmates interviewed in housing units, as well as in focus groups specific to medical care, reported concerns regarding the quality of care that they received from the institutional physician. However, medical staff relayed confidence in the physician.
- Some inmates relayed that staff used inappropriate and racially discriminatory language toward them. Some inmates also relayed that staff "played favorites" with the inmates.
- The meal was also a concern on the day of the inspection, as the legislators in attendance found it to be difficult to consume.

### CIIC Contacts

In 2011, CIIC received only six contacts from or regarding NEPRC. The top three reported concerns pertained to Visiting, Personal Property, and Supervision.