

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Richland Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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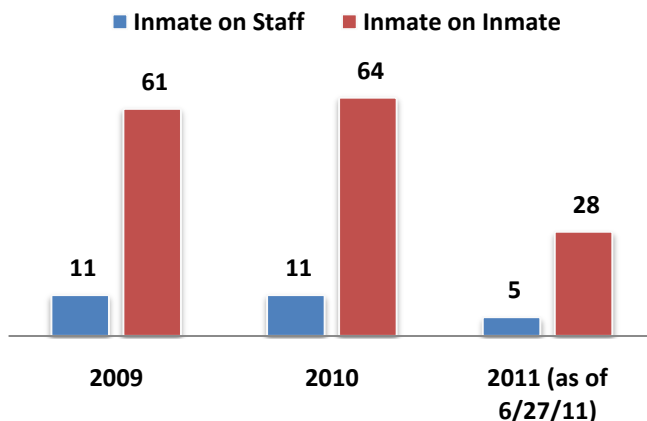
Institution Profile

- Mansfield, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Male
- Population: 2,531 (as of 6/27/11)
 - Capacity: 1,855 (current pop at 136%)
 - 58% Black, 40% White, and 2% Other
- Number of Employees: 428 (24 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From Dec 2010 – May 2011, there were 109 Use of Force incidents, which is comparable to other institutions of similar security levels.
- **Assaults:** From Jan 2009 – Jun 2011, there were 153 reported inmate-on-inmate assaults and 27 inmate-on-staff assaults (see below chart). Only two staff had to be sent out of the institution due to injuries sustained from the assaults.
- **Suicide Attempts:** From Jun 2010 – May 2011, the DRC reported 79 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no successful suicides and zero suicide attempts during this period.

Total Assaults 2009 - 2011 YTD



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was positive, with numerous points of pride.
- Medical services were exemplary, with no backlog of inmates to be seen in chronic care clinics, or by the Doctor or Nurse Sick Call.
- Staff morale and camaraderie were high, with multiple staff giving credit to the Employee Activities Committee, as well as the quality of the Warden and administrative staff.
- Across the board, staff stated that programs are an area of pride, and inmates reported that the institution has numerous available programs.
- Of the 126 inmates interviewed, 38.1% expressed concerns regarding negative staff/inmate interactions, including reports of disrespectful language used by staff.
- The bathroom facilities were generally dirty and in need of cleaning. Inmates relayed that they need more cleaning chemicals and that the chemicals used are too diluted.
- Both inmates and staff interviewed relayed that there is an increasing Security Threat Group (aka gang) presence at the institution, particularly among the Heartless Felons.
- The mental health unit is in urgent need of staff, including a supervisor.

CIIC Contacts

From Dec 2010 - May 2011, CIIC received 20 contacts regarding RiCI. The top three reported concerns pertained to Supervision (17 concerns) Inmate Relations, which includes STG activity, (16 concerns), and Health Care (15 concerns).