

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

Southeastern Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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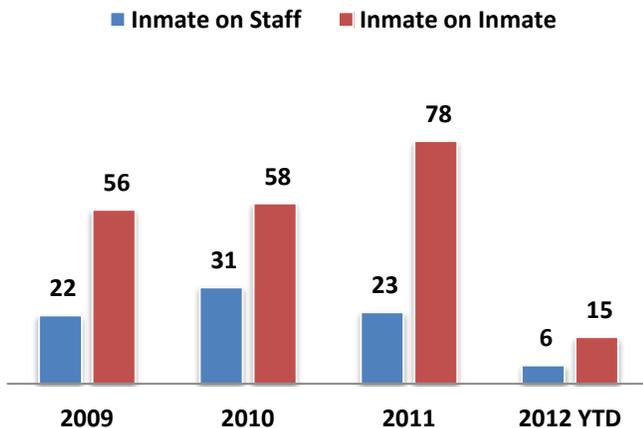
Institution Profile

- Lancaster, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Male
- Population: 1,577 (as of 3/5/12)
 - Capacity: 1,358 (current pop at 116%)
 - 47.1% Black, 51.6% White
- Number of Employees: 345 (26 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In 2011, there were 130 reported uses of force, an increase of 4.8 percent in comparison to 2009. Chemical agents (mace) were used 26 times in 2011.
- **Assaults:** In 2011, the facility reported 78 inmate-on-inmate assaults, an increase of 39.3 percent in comparison to 2009. The facility also reported 23 inmate-on-staff assaults in 2011, an increase of 4.5 percent in comparison to 2009.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2011, the DRC reported 57 attempted suicides, one of which occurred at SCI. This is an increase in comparison to 2009 and 2010, in which there were zero attempts.

Total Assaults 2009 - 2012



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- Facility staff have been extremely innovative and forward-thinking in their pursuit of cost-savings measures. As one example, food services staff reported saving \$1,800 per month simply by making their own hamburger patties rather than buying pre-packaged patties.
- Staff have also been cutting edge in their implementation of “green initiatives.” These green initiatives include reducing the number of light bulbs in the institution (without affecting security), scaling back gas usage during times of low demand, more active monitoring of water usage, implementing recycling and composting programs and reducing waste. The initiatives have resulted in savings of over \$100,000 per year.
- SCI has also pioneered an environmental literacy program that will help inmates obtain jobs in the “green industry” post-release.
- Assaults were an area of concern, as total inmate on inmate assaults increased by 39.3 percent from 2009 to 2011.
- Other concerns mostly pertained to staff accountability measures, including the Inspector extending 92% of grievance dispositions beyond the two week timeframe established in administrative rule, and lack of documented executive staff rounds in all housing units and shakedowns (bunk searches).

CIIC Contacts

In 2011, CIIC received only 14 contacts from or regarding SCI. The top three reported concerns pertained to RIB/Hearing Officer, the Inmate Grievance Procedure and “Non-Grievable” issues (such as parole).