

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Warren Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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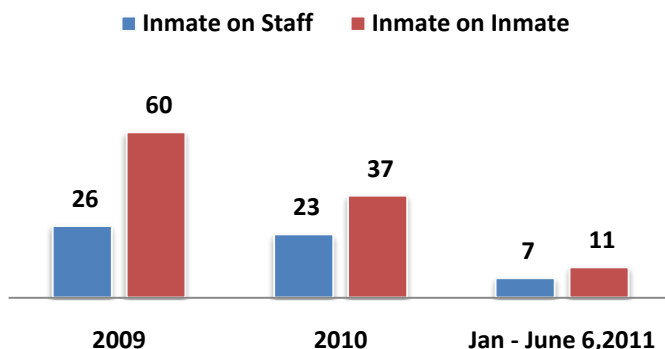
Institution Profile

- Lebanon, Ohio
- Male
- Level 3 (close) security
- Population: 1,380 (As of 5/31/11)
 - Capacity: 807 (pop at 172% of capacity)
 - 60.5% Black, 38.6% White, and 0.9% Other
- Number of Employees: 405 (31 Vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From Nov 2010 – Apr 2011, there were 114 Use of Force incidents, which is low for a Level 3 institution.
- **Assaults:** From Jan 2009 – May 2011, there were 108 reported inmate-on-inmate assaults and 56 inmate-on-staff assaults. The facility has reduced the yearly total number of assaults from 2009 to 2011 (see below chart).
- **Suicide Attempts:** From May 2010 – Apr 2011, the DRC reported 81 suicide attempts. The facility experienced one successful suicide and three suicide attempts during this period.
- **Investigator:** From May 2010 – Apr 2011, the Investigator initiated 241 investigations, including 32 pertaining to assaults and 56 pertaining to drugs.

Total Number of Assaults at WCI



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- The WCI Warden and executive staff members have implemented several creative incentives and disincentives that will positively affect inmate behavior, including multiple merit pods, pay incentives for Food Service workers, and sanctions for disruptive inmates.
- In addition to creative incentives, the WCI Warden and staff have developed several innovative security initiatives, including a photo log of STG-affiliated inmates and a Weapons Committee that reviews weapons found on the compound and creates action plans to halt the spread of such weapons.
- The CIIC inspection team also perceived far fewer of the concerns common to correctional institutions, such as lack of staff accountability, inmate reports of staff disrespect, or lack of communication from the administration.
- Facility conditions overall were clean and in good repair, with many of the problems observed during the prior inspection fixed or in the process of being fixed.
- Both inmates and staff reported high ratings of perceived safety. The most commonly picked rating by inmates was 10, or "very safe." One staff person said that he clocked the staff response time to an incident at 30 seconds.

CIIC Contacts

From Nov 2010 through Apr 2011, CIIC received 57 contacts regarding WCI, which relayed 175 concerns. The top three reported concerns were Supervision (19 concerns), Educational/Vocational Training (17 concerns), and Health Care (17 concerns).