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The Denver Sheriff Department *Progress Report*



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Message from the Director

The Mayor visits the Denver County Jail

On March 17th Mayor Vidal visited the Denver County Jail and attended the Administrative Staff meeting. Mayor Vidal praised the work of the members of the Denver Sheriff Department and stated that he has always been impressed with the compassion and care that our staff shows toward those who are incarcerated. During this meeting he also requested our assistance with closing the budget gap. We thanked Mayor Vidal for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and visit with us.



Transgender Inmate Policy Committee

On March 9, 2011 the DSD hosted a kick-off meeting for the Transgender Inmate Policy Committee with members of the DSD, medical staff, psychiatry staff and several community members in attendance. During this meeting, the committee developed a mission statement and goals and decided to meet every two weeks to develop a policy for the care and custody of transgender inmates. Until this policy is developed, staff should contact classification, medical or their immediate supervisors to ensure safety and security of this population.

In-Service Training

Due to staffing concerns, in-service training for Deputies and Sergeants will be postponed until the 4th quarter of this year. It is still the goal of the department to complete 100% of in-service training for civilians and deputies before the end of the year.

COUNTY JAIL DIVISION

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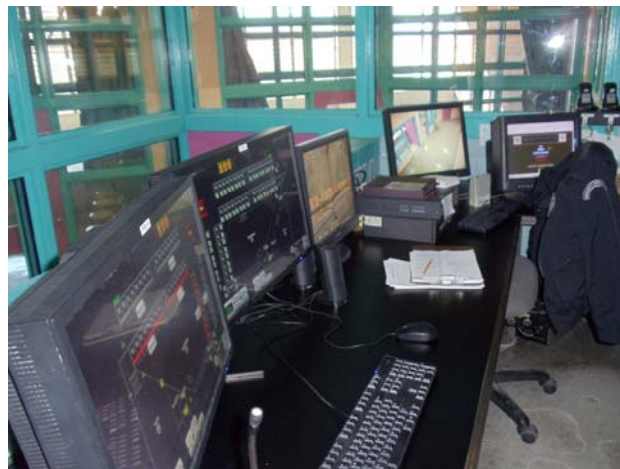
County Jail Project

Demolition continues at the jail with this picture of 6 ABC side on 3-15-11. Good weather has allowed the demolition of the buildings to remain ahead of schedule. Demolition will be completed by mid-April while foundation work started on the east side area of this project last week. As you look at this picture check out the end of the second floor.



Building 22 Control Center Modification

Building 22 B-Pod door modifications along with the control center was completed recently. The update now allows the doors in B-Pod to have individual release capabilities instead of group; while A-Pod still runs on the group concept. Also part of the new system are changes that allow control of the television, cell lights, pod lights, and phone control. The schedule has C-Pod next for the same procedure and then D –Pod.



TRAINING

CAPTAIN GALE

In-service Training

In-service training has been underway since January 10th and at this point 323 uniformed staff members have been through the in-service curriculum so far this year. After March 21st there will be a break in the in-service training until the 4th quarter of this year. We will be starting up civilian in-service during the summer months.

CIT Training

CIT Training is scheduled for the week of March 28 – April 1, 2011. CIT training will be conducted quarterly during 2011 so there will be additional opportunities to become a CIT certified officer this year. If you want to attend one of these training classes, you should notify your Division Chief and express your interest as soon as possible. These classes have a tendency to fill up quickly and this training will provide you with a whole new perspective on dealing with inmates. The CIT training curriculum is designed to challenge you in the way you think, respond, and manage inmates in the facility.

FTO Program Training

Five Deputy Sheriff Field Training Officers and three Security Specialists will be attending a week long Field Training Officer course provided by County Sheriffs of Colorado the week of April 4, 2011. This training is widely and most commonly used by other Sheriff Departments in Colorado to train their Field Training Officers and is considered to be a course curriculum with appropriate validation. It is anticipated that additional DSD personnel will have the opportunity to attend this training in the future as class space becomes available. This training opportunity will allow us to improve upon our current Field Training Program by allowing DSD personnel to benefit from a training curriculum that is consistent and validated with similar agencies. Because Security Specialists will be at least partially responsible for certain aspects of training newly hired Security Specialists, it was clear that they could also benefit from this training.

2011 Academy Class

There will be a class of approximately 20 to 30 Deputy Sheriff Recruits that will begin on April 4, 2011 with graduation scheduled for June 30, 2011. More specific information on the recruit class will be forthcoming.

Security Specialist Graduation

The DSD Training Academy is currently in the process of training the newly hired class of 8 Security Specialists and they are just completing the second week of a three week training curriculum. They will be graduating Friday, March 25th at 1300hrs (or 1:00 p.m.) and all DSD personnel are invited to attend the graduation ceremony. The ceremony will take place at the Roslyn training facility so please feel free to join us at the event.

CORRECTIONAL CARE

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NCCHC

Confirmation of Site Survey from NCCHC (National Commission of Correctional Health Care) has been received. The Survey will be held April 25 – 27, 2011.

Barbara Mariano, RN-Lead Surveyor
Joseph Paris, MD-Physician Surveyor
Barbara Hanson-Evans-Surveyor
Jan Lindsey, RN-Surveyor

Important Facts for the NCCHC survey

1. A mass disaster drill is held a minimum of one time a year at each facility. This disaster includes both Health Services staff and the Denver Sheriff uniformed personnel. The 2010 drill was held in December and based around a tornado scenario.
2. All Health Services staff is required to receive an annual Tuberculosis test.
3. All Health Services staff participates in an annual skills day training which review areas such as equipment training, dental exam reviews, emergency evacuation, mental health updates, suicide prevention, and laboratory testing.
4. Health Services staff are required to obtain 40 hours of Continuing Education Hours (CEU's). CEU's are obtained through on-line courses, staff meetings, lectures held at Denver Health, and in-services.



To assist staff in preparing for the audit Chris Martin will be sending out questions from the standards book.

Question:

Security personnel should only be present during clinical encounters if the patient poses a probable risk to the safety of the health care professional or others.

- A. True
- B. False

(Scroll to the bottom to see the correct answer)

CORRECTIONAL CARE

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Correctional Care Health Professional Certification (CCHP) Get Certified!!!!

The CCHP regional certification exam will be held August 20th at Denver Health from 0900-1100.

For information on application and fees go to www.ncchc.org, click on CCHP certification, and then click on applying for certification. The application deadline is 7/15/2011, please contact Vickie Toliver more information.

Pharmacy

On March 11, 2011 the pharmacy received a surprise inspection from the board of Pharmacy at the County Jail and the inspector found no deficiencies. Great job to Aman Kifle and his team!



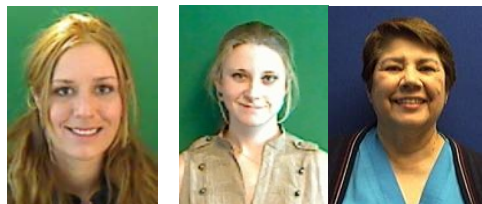
Congratulations

Please take a moment to congratulate the following Nurses for achieving their RN degrees:

Jessica Nitchman, RN license 1/31/11

Katie Porter, RN license 11/18/10

Yolanda Bigley and Aman Kifle received CCHP certification! These are great accomplishments -Job well done!



Committees

Health Services is involved in the new Transgender Inmate Policy Committee. Please see Carmen Kassatly if interested in updates and/or input.

A. True