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Denver Sheriff Department *Progress Report*



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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

2012 Budget Presentation

On Tuesday, September 20th at 1:30 p.m., I will deliver the Denver Sheriff Department's 2012 Budget plan to the Mayor and City Council. Our budget plan includes minor budget reductions that do not have an impact on safety or security and a re-engineering of our business plan. I am confident that the Denver Sheriff Department has been a strong partner in assisting the City with closing the budget gap while meeting the resource needs of our Department. Thanks to all of you for the role you have played in preparing for the 2012 Budget and remaining budget conscious to ensure that we are fiscally responsible

throughout the year.

JBBS Grant

On September 13, 2011 a planning meeting was held with the DSD, Empowerment and the Mile High Council to discuss how we will implement the RISE (Recovery in a Secure Environment) Unit in Building 21. The DSD was successful in acquiring over \$140,000 in grant funds to implement a female RISE unit. There will be several operational meetings at the County Jail over the next couple of weeks to finalize the implementation of this new unit. If you are interested in learning more about this new unit please visit the Building 20 male unit or contact Captain Koonce.

Use of Force Task Force

The Use of Force Task Force has completed its first phase of information gathering. During this phase we listened to several different presentations which included the DA's Office, ACLU, Taser International and several of our department experts in the area of use of force. At the September 28th meeting we will begin our second planned phase which includes policy review. During this phase we will analyze our current policy and the policies of other agencies. The committee will use this and other information to make recommendations to me regarding the best use of force policies for the DSD. The third and final phase of the Task Force will include training and implementation.

Thank you

Each and everyday I am thankful for the bravery, courage and self-sacrifice that each of you demonstrate as you carry out your respective duties within the Denver Sheriff Department. We work in a challenging environment and because of your efforts we successfully navigate our way through. Our success is driven by the role that you play. Thank you for all that you do, regardless of where you work within the Department you are an important player in our business plan!

Tour with City Council Members

The Chiefs and I conducted a tour of the DDC with the new members of the Denver City Council (Councilwomen Ortega, Susman, Shepherd, Kniech and Councilman Brooks). All were very impressed with the facility, its operation and the staff working here.

DOWNTOWN DIVISION

MAJOR THAN

Welcome

The Downtown Division would like to welcome Sergeant Ella Brown and Acting Sergeant Earl Sims to the DDC. Sergeant Sims brings DHMC experience and leadership that will be a valuable addition to the DDC. Sergeant Brown brings a vast array of experience, knowledge and leadership to the DDC. Additionally, we would like to thank Sergeant Sich for her leadership over the years while assigned to the Downtown Division. We also wish her many successes with her new assignment at the County Jail Division.

Shift and Days Off Committee Update

The Committee has recommended postponing any decision to change/modify the current DDC shift and days off for a period of six (6) months. The decision was to ensure adequate time to communicate recommended proposed changes to all staff assigned to the DDC and ensure staff approval. With this recommended delay, RFMS has begun the winter shift/days off vote based on the current schedules. It is imperative that staff complete the vote form and return it to RFMS in a timely manner. The new vote will take effect on Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Newly Implemented

The DDC has implemented or is in the process of implementing the following:

- All briefings to be conducted in the first floor Muster Room
- Issuance of sandals to all inmates housed on the 2nd floor
- Signature pads in each housing unit
- New inmate telephone kiosks throughout the facility

As always, the Downtown Division Command Staff appreciates all of your continued hard work, efforts and ideas to improve the overall success of the Department.

COUNTY JAIL

SERGEANT BUTLER

Parole Hearing Rooms

The two new parole hearing rooms are almost ready to be unveiled along with two holding rooms for the inmates waiting to see the Parole Boards. A ramp was added to make the area ADA compliant. Several years ago this area was the entrance to the contact visit room and since the abolishment of contact visits this area has sat idle. Below is a picture of the inside of one parole hearing room which is 85% complete. This small project in addition to the EHP project, is part of several different changes at the County Jail.

There will be a 15,000 gallon fuel tank installed on the North part of the jail and the first section of a new sidewalk located on the North side of the fence from work release entrance to Havana. Building 20 is scheduled for roof repairs in the upcoming weeks. Some of the projects will affect parking, traffic flow in and out of the main entrance and deliveries to the jail.



CORRECTIONAL CARE

*Carmen Kassatly, RN, BSN, CCHP,
Health Services Administrator*

Congratulations

Anthony Perez graduated this August with his Bachelor of Science-Finance degree!



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

The CCHP regional certification exam was held on August 20th at Denver Health from 0900-1100 hours. Seven staff members were present for the exam. We were excited to have such a high number of health staff invested in obtaining certification!

Process change for Health services and inmates working in the kitchen

There is no restriction from working in the kitchen with respect to Tuberculosis (TB) status. As TB is spread via inhaled aerosolized droplets, it cannot be spread from one person to another in food. A patient with active TB cannot pass the disease along via the kitchen.

In previous years, we used the 'TB stamp' for trustees at PADF to be cleared for work as it signified to the DSD and medical staff that they had completed their entire medical intake procedure. This was not as an indicator that the patient was cleared of TB and therefore could work in the kitchen. Incidentally, any inmate who is presenting with any illness, be it respiratory, GI, skin, etc, should be withheld from working in the kitchen until cleared by the medical department.