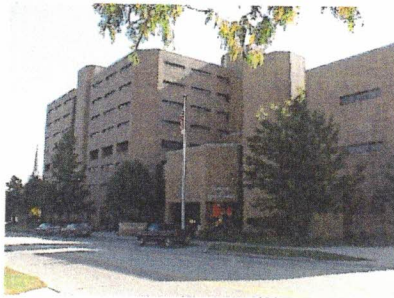




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2024 Corrections Division Annual Report



FACILITY OVERVIEW

Lake County Jail History

1859-1990 The **first jail** in Lake County was built in 1859. Its' design and plans were prepared by Col. Morse. Its' contractor, Harvey Woodworth, built a two-story brick structure which had 8 cells, 4 on each floor. It was built on the property directly behind the court house that is now the rear parking lot of the court house, just west of the main jail. By 1975 the "*old jail*" had gone through an extensive renovation project increasing its housing space to accommodate an ever expanding inmate population. However, with the emergence of the Ohio Minimum Jail Standards the jail could not meet the standard without great expense. In 1982 the decision was made to build a new jail.

1990 - Present Once funding was approved the maximum security jail was built where the *Kroger's* supermarket once stood, just east of the "*old jail*". In January 1990 the **Lake County Adult Detention Facility** at 104 East Erie St in Painesville, Ohio opened its doors. The facility opened when it moved its 125 inmates out of the "*Old*" Jail and transferred them to the new facility. Since 1990 the Lake County inmate population has increased to an average of 350 inmates housed each day. In 2007 nearly 7,000

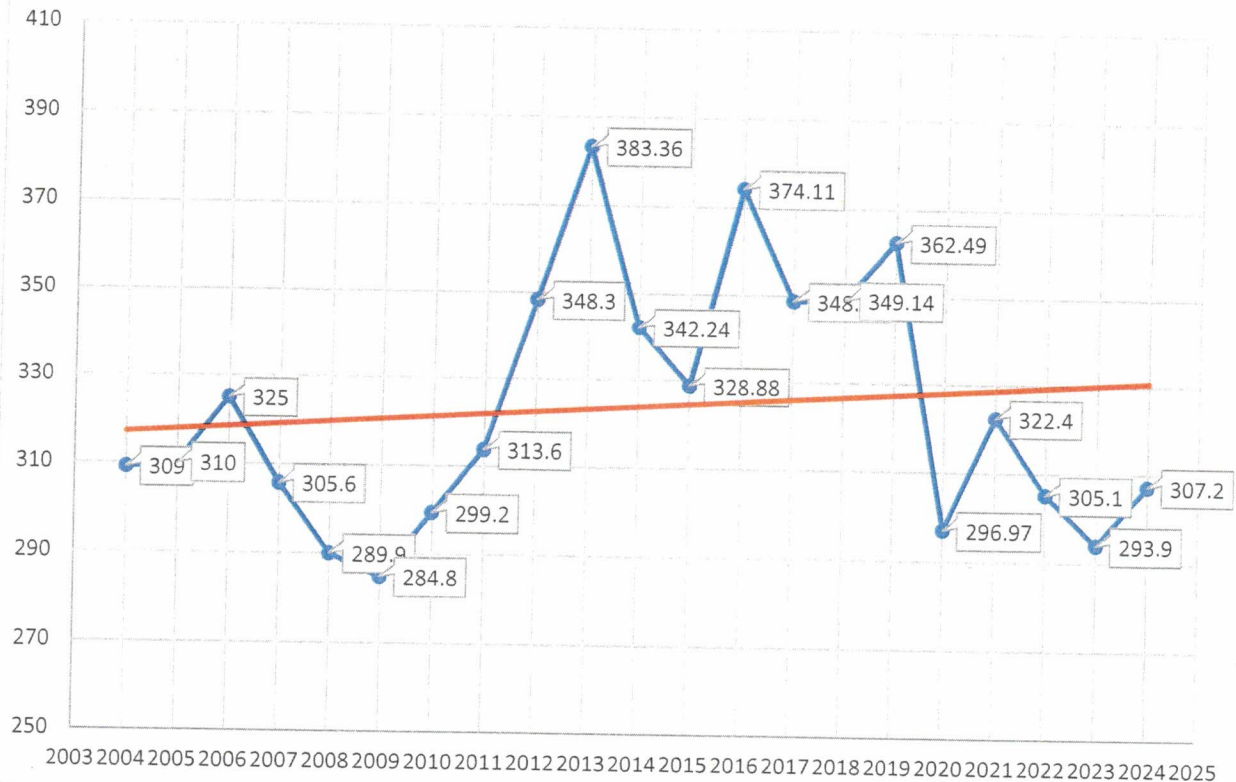
persons were booked into the detention facility. Lake County is a reflection of the national rate of incarceration. In the last 10 years the jail and prison population has doubled to its current housing of 2.3 million inmates in Federal, State and Local jails.

The Lake County Adult Detention Facility processed 4582 inmates into the jail in 2024. Compared to 4,190 inmates in 2023, that is 392 more inmates processed in 2024. The average length of stay in 2024 was 25 days.

In 1993, **37%** of the jail's population was comprised of inmates from outside the Lake County courts, otherwise known as rented bed space. (1993 we averaged 120 billable inmates per day). In **2024 there were only 18 out of county inmates housed throughout the year. The daily average for out of county inmates was 4.1 inmates.** It needs to be noted that the average jail population reached a high for the year in the **month of October at an average of 324 inmates per day in 2024, compared to 319.9 inmates per day in May of 2023. A total of 4 more inmates in 2024.**

The dramatic increase of inmates incarcerated under the Lake County court system over the past **20** years has greatly impacted the availability of jail beds. The average daily population of inmates being housed on Lake County charges (*i.e. not being housed for agencies outside of Lake County*) **averaged 299.3 Lake County inmates per day in 2024. This is an increase of 13.3 Lake County inmates per day. In 1993 the jail averaged 206 inmates charged through the Lake County courts.**

20 Year Average Population and Trend Projection



In **2024** the Lake County Adult Detention Facility managed a daily population average of **307.2** inmates. (Reference the *2024 Daily Population Averages* for overview). **Of the 307 inmates housed each day, 243 were males and 64 were females.** Our average male population reached its highest average of **260.7** per day in October **2024**. Our average female population reached its highest in April of 2024 where we averaged 71.1 females per day. It is important to note that the **female population has increased dramatically above its 30 inmates per day average in the year 1993.**

Felony vs Misdemeanor



In studying the inmate population, in **2024** the Lake County Adult Detention Facility averaged **105 Misdemeanor inmates per day** and in **2023** averaged **126 Misdemeanor inmates per day**. In **2024**, we averaged **201 Felony inmates per day** compared to **186 per day in 2023**. This is the **sixteenth year in a row** we have averaged more **Felons per day** then we did **Misdemeanors**. The Lake County jail once housed **2/3 misdemeanors, and 1/3 felons. Today, the jail continues to house**

2/3 felons versus 1/3 misdemeanor inmates.

Billable Inmates

In 2024 we averaged 4.1 US Marshal Prisoners per day, and in 2023 we averaged 3 US Marshal Prisoners per day (*inmates charged under the Federal courts*). The US Marshal's reimbursed the County \$66.54 for each day they had a prisoner incarcerated in the Lake County jail. All other outside agencies reimbursed \$120.00 for each day they had a prisoner incarcerated in the Lake County Jail. **The "billable population" returned \$119,258.78 in 2024 to the General Fund of Lake County.**

- Since 1993 over \$40 million dollars has been generated and returned to the General Fund through rented jail bed space

Inmate Phone System & Smart Communication Tablets

To promote successful reintegration of inmates into their community, the Lake County Adult Detention Facility provides general population inmates the opportunity to utilize computer tablets and the inmate phone system. An inmate's family member and friends have the opportunity to set up a prepaid calling account in order to communicate with an inmate. The inmate phone system is turned on in the jail for use at 8:00 a.m. to 10:45p.m. so that inmates can call family, friends, clergy and attorneys. In September of 2024, the Lake County Jail changed the vendor for phone & tablet service from GTL to Smart Communications.

The tablets may be used to contact family members and friends as well as access pre-approved content on the devices such as: books, movies, Nexis Lexis and more. The times and rules for the use of the tablets have been established by the Jail Administrator. Inmates can have their tablet privileges suspended or revoked as a result of disciplinary action due to inappropriate use or misuse of the tablet device or its ancillary functions or due to the failure to follow communicated rules regarding the use of the device. The tablet provider Smart Communications Mail Guard determines all fees associated with the use of the tablet service. These fees are deducted from the inmates account that the family members or friends have set up with Smart Communications Mail Guard.

Smart Communications has installed **Inmate Video Visitation Tablets** in each housing unit throughout the jail. The tablets allow for a two-way visual communication between the inmate and visitors. An account has to be created by the inmate's family or friend through Smart with monies to secure the account so that the visitor can visit with the inmate from home, a computer, cell phone or any type of electronic communication device. The tablet will go black if the screen is moved from the facial area of the inmate or the caller. If the inmate or the visitor abuse the system with any type of pornographic views the inmates account will be suspended for a specified amount of time determined by the Jail

Administrator. Smart will be upgrading their video visitation tablets as they need to be repaired or replaced. In **2024** between the GTL inmate phone system and SMART Communications phones, tablet visitation and entertainment **\$406,120.97** was generated and returned to the general fund.

Pay-For-Stay Program

Court ordered inmates participate in The **Pay-For-Stay Program** on work release in order to return part of their pay to the jail to off-set their housing costs. In **2024 the Pay-For-Stay program collected a total pay in of \$27,429.75 with 47 inmates** participating in the Pay-For-Stay Program, **39 males and 8 females**. In **2023 the Pay-For-Stay program collected a total pay in of \$33,084.75 with 55 inmates** participating in the pay-for-stay program. That is a decrease of **\$5,655.00** monies collected in 2024. All money collected was placed in the general fund.

Transitional Day Reporting

In 2024, 57 offenders were ordered into the program. Of the 57 offenders, 50 offenders were able to meet goals established prior to entering the program therefore 7 offenders participated in the program while incarcerated in jail. In **2023, 14 inmates** participated in the **Transitional Day Reporting (TDR)** program although 73 offenders were ordered into the program. Many of the offenders ordered into the program were able to achieve their TDR goals prior to entering the program therefore TDR was vacated.

Inmate Food Service

The jail staff is using innovative ideas to control food costs, which is becoming increasingly difficult given the fact that rising fuel prices have significantly increased the cost of food at every level of society. In **2024 the jail served 364,100 meals and in 2023 the jail served 350,087**. In **2024 the jail served 14,013 more meals compared to 2023**. The average cost per meal in **2024 was \$2.29 and in 2023 it was \$2.33** (*this price includes supplies, salaries for kitchen staff*) the average cost for the meal itself was **\$1.65 in 2024 and \$1.73 in 2023, a decrease of \$.08 in 2024**. The meals served in the jail are approved by the State Dietician and inspected by the Health Department on a monthly basis. The inmates receive between **2200 and 2800 calories** per day.

Dispensary Operations

In 2024, 10,658 inmates were examined by the doctor and nurses in the jail dispensary compared to 8529 inmates seen in 2023. That is an increase of 2129 inmates seen compared to 2023. This is an average of 888 inmates seen per month. Other than the daily medical problems that normally exist such as a common cold or the flu, the medical staff treated health conditions such as: pregnant females, pregnant females that are addicted to heroin, daily maintenance of diabetic inmates requiring insulin injections, treatment of inmates with HIV and/or AIDS, gunshot wounds received prior to incarceration, heart problems and dental treatment. The medical staff has seen an increase in inmates that are withdrawing from various addictions. Jail Physician Dr. Donald Spaner, and Medical Programming Coordinator Kristina Morse- RN, as well as David Pinkham-RN, Kerry Collins-Moore-LPN, Alexis Dale-LPN and Leann Baldrige-RN along with part time Diane Snow-RN, Karen Detore LPN and Patty Hammers RN worked together to insure the best possible medical treatment to the inmate population that did not have a very good history of medical maintenance and care prior to their incarceration. Helena Lorence is the Medical Assistant for the Dispensary and she is a true asset for the staff. The Medical Staff has made such achievements through the best possible cost containment measures available to them without reducing the necessary quality of care that helped this facility achieve State certification. *(Reference the 2024 Medical Services Report for an overview).*

Medical Service

The cost of Medical Services in 2024 was \$998,083.93. The cost of medical services in 2023 was \$1,171,394.27 and the cost in 2022 was \$1,130,339.27. These costs include the salaries of the nurses, physician and dentist. Pressing issues in 2024 include responding to growing demands by the judiciary to provide 24-hour medical care by licensed doctors and nursing staff, as well as the continual plague of frivolous jail litigation by inmates. The Medical Staff continues to work diligently to reduce the costs of medical services. The pharmacy cost during 2024 in the jail was \$360,281.61. In 2023 the pharmacy cost was \$437,797.64. However, it needs to be noted that the jail was reimbursed through the State of Ohio in the amount of \$210,116.00 for the cost of psychotropic medication. The jail received reimbursements for psychotropic medication and for Medically Assisted Treatment drugs in the first half of 2024 and in the last half of 2023. The amount reimbursed for the last half of 2024 has not been released yet.

COVID-19

COVID testing continued throughout this year on an as needed basis. The Medical Team has continued to follow the recommendations of the CDC. All guidelines and precautions required by the Ohio Department of Health and CDC are followed by all

Medical Staff. The Medical Department Quarantines Positive Inmates for a total of 5 full days or until symptoms are resolved. We have conducted 5 COVID 19 swabs in 2024 compared to 125 in 2023. *(Reference the 2024 Medical Services Report for an overview)*

Dental Services

Dental Services are provided to the inmates every other week for four hours. A basic dental assessment is conducted to determine any immediate intervention needed for relief of pain and/or infection. With prior consent from the inmate, dental x-rays are taken and the condition of teeth and recommendations for improvement are discussed, along with extraction of teeth if as determined by the Dentist. In 2024 85 inmates were seen by the Dentist. In **2023, 79** inmates were seen by the Dentist and in **2022, 101** inmates were seen by the Dentist.

Juvenile Medical Care

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Nursing staff assumed medical care of the Residents at the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center on March 11, 2019. Our mission is to supply experienced professional care in a courteous, compassionate, and timely manner as is offered at the Lake County Adult Detention Facility. Residents admitted to the Juvenile Detention Center for three days or longer are seen by Nursing for a baseline medical assessment.

All Residents admitted to the Juvenile Center are asked about, medical, psychiatric, dental, and medication history by the admitting juvenile Detention Officer. This information is then computer generated into a Medical Assessment which is then reviewed by the Nursing staff.

The attending Physician will see them for a physical exam and/or any medical concerns when she conducts sick call one day a week. Nursing staff conducts sick call seven days a week to assess any Resident needs when the Physician is not available. One Registered Nurse is responsible for ordering medical supplies and is on call seven days a week twenty-four hours a day, as is the attending Physician, for any emergencies. In 2024, a total of **320** juveniles were seen by the Juvenile Physician. This is an increase from 270 in 2023. Also, the nursing staff saw 2131 juveniles throughout 2024. That is an increase from **763** in 2023. *(Reference the 2024 Medical Services Report for an overview)*

Mental Health Services

Throughout 2024, mental health consultants received 3,120 referrals which is an increase of 570 referrals compared to 2,550 referrals in 2023. These referrals often are submitted from inmates but can also come from corrections staff and other entities outside of the jail. Inmate requests and corrections staff make up most of the referrals.

Referrals are made for several reasons, primarily requests were to see and talk with the mental health consultant and to obtain medication. Jail Care Coordinators screened 1132 inmates who were booked into the jail for more than three days. The screening consists of both mental health and substance abuse questions. In 2024 the Substance Use Stabilization Program screened 312 individuals for potential opiate withdrawal compared to 261 inmates in 2023. Of the 312 screened, 187 received comfort care medications.

The psychiatric prescriber met with 497 inmates a total of 638 different times to evaluate and potentially prescribe psychotropic medications or comfort care medications. This was a decrease of 4 people and 30 less visits compared to 2023. There was only one individual referred for emergency admission to a medical /psychiatric facility which is a decrease of nine from the year prior. There was a total of 612 people on the caseload of the mental health consultants during 2023, which was a decrease from 695 people in 2023. *(Reference the 2024 Mental Health Services Report for an overview)*

Mental Health Services within the Lake County Jail consists of two full-time mental health consultants, two jail care coordinators, and a psychiatric prescriber for medication management. The main function of the mental health consultants is to provide crisis intervention as well as brief solution focused therapy. The case manager's role is to provide linkage and discharge planning to inmates upon release as well as to assist in screening individuals for the Substance Use Stabilization Program (SSP) to determine if further referral to the SSP program is warranted. Mental Health Services within the Lake County Jail play an integral role in maintaining safety and stability of inmates. Mental Health Services include symptom management, maintaining safety precautions, crisis intervention, linkage and referral and ongoing support.

Inmate Programming and Volunteers

The jail remains committed to the mission to return inmates back to society better than when they first came through our doors. The Correctional facility continued to develop and expand programming intended to meet such goals.

Inmate Programming was reinstated on April 4, 2022, starting with church services and the inmate library services. Volunteers donated over 640 hours of time to provide programming to the inmates. Throughout 2024, **3665** inmates attended church services and Bible Study. **1359** Inmates attended AA & Narcotics Anonymous.

Normally the volunteers provide such valuable services such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Men and Women's bible study, Non-Denominational Church services, Catholic Church services, Library Services, GED Programming, Men's

A.A. Recovery programming, Easter Programs - Stations of the Cross Easter Celebration
Christmas Program, Sacrament of Reconciliation and W.I.T.T.S.

In addition to the above listed services, there are many more individual people that volunteer from the following Churches that support the Inmate programming services in Lake County:

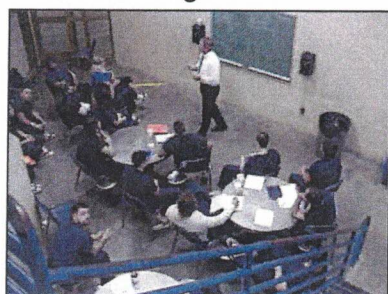
St. Anthony - Fairport Harbor
St. Mary - Painesville
St. Gabriel - Concord
St. Noel - Willoughby Hills
St. John Vianney-Mentor
St. Cyprians-Perry
Immaculate Conception-Madison
East Heisley Church of God
New Mercies Community
Leroy Chappell
Painesville Assembly of God
Mentor Baptist
Islamic Center of Cleveland
Jehovah witness

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

SSP stands for Substance Stabilization Program. This Program is available to individuals booked in and experiencing withdrawal symptoms from Opiates. Opiates include, heroin, Percocet, oxytocin, fentanyl and opium. Crossroads Health offers comfort medications to those experiencing withdrawal. These medications are given for 7 days to help ease some of the discomfort while coming off of an opiate. Inmates who may withdraw from Alcohol or Benzos (Benzodiazepines) should be directly referred to medical, not SSP. In addition to comfort meds one can receive at the beginning of their incarceration, an inmate with an opiate addiction will now be able to receive a Vivitrol injection prior to their release.

The vivitrol injection is the name of oral naltrexone (pill form) and is injected monthly to help stave off cravings but also block the ability to get high from opiates. In the past we have prescribed oral medications the last week of incarceration while linking an individual with an outpatient agency but now the injection will give 30 days of help rather than day to day. An individual must meet certain criteria prior to taking the medication. It is not for pregnant women and one must have completed withdraw from opiates.

Jail Treatment Program



In August 1993 the **Jail Treatment Program** was established to reduce recidivism related to chemical dependency (*Drugs and Alcohol*), as well as other related behaviors. Further, it was established to link dependent inmates to services intended to increase their chances for recovery through services such as mental health, anger management, and community based rehabilitation programs. In November of 1994, the program admitted its first female client, representing a significant policy shift; this shift allowed the Lake County Jail Treatment Program to bridge a gap, to ensure that services were also available to incarcerated women. The Lake County Jail Treatment Program is able to house and treat **24 male** and **12 female** clients. In the first year of operations, the Lake County Jail Treatment Program was able to provide treatment for 160 individuals

Clients are referred to the Jail Treatment Program (JTP) by local County and Municipal Courts. Enrollment in the program requires a diagnostic assessment where information about their history of drug use and mental health is collected. All clients entering the Jail Treatment Program have been assessed and diagnosed with a substance use disorder and must be determined appropriate for services. Entrance into the Jail Treatment Program is voluntary. The Lake County Jail Treatment Program is designed as an Intensive Outpatient level of care, meaning that there are 9 hours of group counseling sessions provided weekly. Upon completion of Jail Treatment, individualized recommendations for continuing care are made to either continued IOP or Outpatient levels of care.

In 2024 a total of 237 inmates participated in the program with 93% completing the program. 202 inmates completed the program in 2023. In 2024 of those inmates who successfully completed the program only 19% reoffended in the same year. (*Reference the 2024 Jail Treatment for an overview*).

Substance Abuse Statistics:

Among Americans aged 12 years and older, 37.309 million were current illegal drug users (used within the last 30 days) as of 2020.

- 13.5% of Americans 12 and over used drugs in the last month, a 3.8% increase year-over-year (YoY).
- 59.277 million or 21.4% of people 12 and over have used illegal drugs or misused prescription drugs within the last year.
- 138.543 million or 50.0% of people aged 12 and over have illicitly used drugs in their lifetime.
- Usership among people aged 12 and over is down 0.4% YoY.
- 138.522 million Americans 12 and over drink alcohol.

- 28.320 million or 20.4% of them have an alcohol use disorder.
- 57.277 million people use tobacco or nicotine products (vape).
- 25.4% of illegal drug users have a drug disorder.
- 24.7% of those with drug disorders have an opioid disorder; this includes prescription pain relievers or “pain killers” and heroin).

Decision Point

Decision Point provides an evidence-based correctional program constructed to address risk, needs and responsivity for justice-involved individuals. The program is an open-entry cognitive behavioral intervention program designed for delivery with adult males in contact with the justice system. The program is built on the principles of the “Strategy of Choices” and equips participants with alternative ways to examine their thinking and the related actions that lead them into trouble.

The program is offered to jail inmates who eventually will be released on probation as well as probationers who are residing in the community. Classes are offered weekly with the community-based class being held in the probation department classroom and the jail class being offered in the jail classroom. Decision Point class is open ended, and clients work at their own pace. If jail class clients don’t finish the class during their jail sentence, they can finish the class on the outside.

During the calendar year 2024 we had a total of 142 individuals referred into Decision Point. Of the 142 in the program 112 successfully completed the program during that calendar year while 24 remain in the program and 6 violated and did not successfully complete the program. Of the 142 individuals in the program, 65 entered into Decision Point while incarcerated in the jail.

Women In Transition Through Support Program

The number of incarcerated women was nearly five times higher in 2020 than in 1980.

Between 1980 and 2020, the number of incarcerated women increased by more than 475%, rising from a total of 26,326 in 1980 to 152,854 in 2020. The total count in 2020 represents a 30% reduction from the prior year - a substantial but insufficient downsizing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which some states began to reverse in 2021. The number of incarcerated women was nearly five times higher in 2020 than in 1980.

Below are the groups that the WITTS program normally conducts throughout the year. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers to lead the groups and educate the women.

Some of the W.I.T.T.S. Groups include but not limited to:

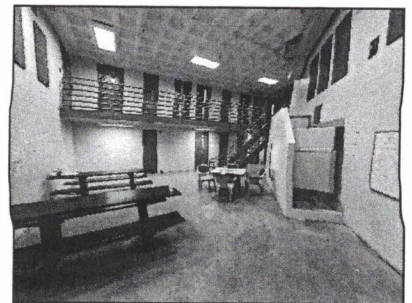
Domestic Violence
How People Change
Life Recovery Bible Study

Money Management Class
Parent Café / Families of Promise
Vision Boarding
Yoga
Zumba

We intend to continue to create a network of agencies and businesses designed to meet the needs of each individual person. This network of professionals will assist these female offenders during incarceration by providing treatment and counseling services to help effect a positive change in their lives. Upon release these services will continue by tracking and maintaining communication and assistance with the program participants so that their continued rehabilitation and success will be better enabled to be achieved. In 2024, in total 197 female inmates attended WITTS programming: 120 women from Lake County and 77 from outside of Lake County. That is an increase of 24 from 173 in 2023. The average age of the females in attendance was 38.4. The women were sentenced to an average jail term of 78.4 days. *(Reference the 2024 WITTS Program for an overview).*

Officer and Staff Training

Training is the key to the development of staff in detention facilities, as well as the best defense possible in achieving the safe and secure operations of jails. The State of Ohio requires that all Corrections Officers receive a minimum of **8 hours of in-service training each year**. Each staff member completed a minimum of **72.6 hours** of training in **2024**. There are **80** Corrections Officers, **8** Sergeants, **5** Lieutenants, **2** Captains and **20** Support staff; this translates to **8,349 hours** of training. Such a demand could exert an enormous financial burden on the Sheriff's budget should such required training not be approached in an innovative manner. **The average training hours per officer and support staff totaled 72.6 hours of in-service training each, with a total of 8349 hours of in-service training annually.** *(Reference the 2024 Training Report for Training overview).* The training success is due to the innovation of the Corrections Division Training Team members who used their skills to provide cost effective quality training to increase the professionalism of our staff. The training team continues to use on-line training for the Corrections Division. (www.classmarker.com). Classmarker is a training site which allows Correction Officers to complete all their training on-line. The Training Team also uses Corsa that offers free training for Corrections Officers and Support Staff. Officers and Support Staff are trained annually in First Aid/CPR, Suicide prevention, Fire safety, Policy and Procedures, Use of Force, Sexual Harassment, Report Writing, PREA and many other aspects in the Corrections field. Supervisors along with Corrections Officers continue to have training with The American Jail Association (**AJA**), Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (**OPOTA**), The National Institute of Corrections (**NIC**), Police Executive Leadership College (**PELC**), Certified Law Enforcement Executive (**CLEE**), Crisis Intervention Training (**CIT**) and Law Enforcement Executive Development Association



(FBI-LEEDA). The Lake County Sheriff's Office also completed a Corrections Academy in the Winter & Fall where 13 officers graduated and are now working in the jail.
(Reference the 2024 Annual Training Report)

Inmate Commissary

The Inmate Commissary is designed to meet the basic hygienic and psychological needs of the inmate population by providing, for sale, a selection of toiletries, snack foods, reading and writing materials as well as some basic medical supplies. This in-house Commissary helps to strengthen the security of the facility by decreasing the chances of contraband being introduced into the facility from these types of items being dropped off or brought in by visitors.

In the current economic environment, it needs to be known that the inmate Commissary is solely for the benefit of the inmate population. No taxpayer dollars are used to fund our inmate Commissary here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The profits made from Commissary sales are used to fund several programs that are specifically for the benefit of the inmate population.

In 2024, Inmate Commissary sales totaled **\$463,736.33** which generated a profit of **\$135,590.87**. Commissary profits help to provide the following to the inmate population in 2024:

Spectrum Cable **\$13,384.21**

Swank Motion Picture License **\$1738.75**

Netflix **\$199.32**

Laketran Passes **\$0.00**

Due to having a surplus of Laketran passes, none were purchased in 2024.

Indigent packages are distributed to inmates with no funds on their Commissary account on a weekly basis. These packages provide them with basic essentials to include deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, pen, paper and two stamped envelopes for correspondence. The cost approximately is **\$3.01** per package. In 2024, on average **59** packages were distributed per month which totaled **\$178.63** for a grand total of **\$2143.62**.

We would like to bring back a G.E.D. Program. This program is designed to help those inmates who are incarcerated to attend classes and obtain their G.E.D. certificate thus preparing them to return to society and seek employment. As a result of Covid-19 we have not been able to find volunteers to offer GED services in 2023.

Access to cable television is also given and provided by Spectrum Cable providing local and basic channels. The inmate Commissary profits also pay for the public performance licensing agreement with Swank Motion Pictures which permits the facility to rent two DVD movies from Netflix to play for the population on Friday nights.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Lake County Sheriff's Office maintains a zero tolerance for Inmate-on-Inmate sexual assault, staff sexual misconduct and sexual harassment toward inmates or staff. Any person found violating this rule will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

PREA RELATED INCIDENTS	
Inmate vs Inmate Allegations	11
Inmate vs Inmate Founded	2
Inmate vs Inmate Unfounded	9
Inmate vs Staff Allegations	7
Inmate vs Staff Founded	0
Inmate vs Staff Unfounded	7
Total	18

Contraband Detection

For years inmates have tried and at times succeeded in bringing **contraband** into jails and prisons. Anything from syringes, pills, drugs and weapons have been smuggled into correctional facilities through the body cavities and other means from those incarcerated. Inmates will always try to smuggle contraband into correctional facilities knowing that officers cannot search for contraband hidden in body parts where drugs and weapons should never be hidden.

Although shakedowns are conducted on a monthly basis and officers perform pat-down searches and observation searches on inmates, this alone cannot cease contraband from entering the jail. The Lake County Commissioners purchased a Full Body Scanner for the jail in order to curb the amount of contraband that enters the security perimeter of the jail. The body scanner has a very low dose of radiation which is not harmful to the staff or inmates. The full body scanner assists the Lake County Adult Detention Facility in eliminating contraband from entering the secure perimeters of the jail. In 2024, 5567 scans were conducted in the jail. There were 4284 scans conducted on male inmates and 1283 scan conducted on female inmates. A total of **12** that were scanned were determined positive for contraband.

In **2023**, **7260** scans were conducted in the jail. There were **5508** scans conducted on male inmates and **1752** scans conducted on female inmates. A total of **1** that were scanned were positive for contraband of drug paraphernalia.

Inmates that were not Scanned:

Wheelchair: 4
Pregnant: 66
Chemo or Radiation Treatment: 32
Pacemaker: 8
Juvenile: 0

Again, the annual report would be incomplete if it fails to mention the concerns for the physical plant issues with the current jail facility. The jail continues to deteriorate with many repairs being done on a daily basis.



We encourage everyone to review all of the detailed annual reports from all of jail programs which review in detail that which we have highlighted here in this annual report. Such collaborative efforts that have been highlighted here illustrate the dedication of the members of the Corrections Division and the Support Staff to meet the growing demands placed on it with an expanding jail population. Such confidence is marked by the proven excellence and dedication of the men and women that make up the Corrections staff (Correction Officers, Doctors, Nurses, Dentist, Mental Health, Cooks, Counselors, Maintenance Staff...). Our success is truly possible only through their efforts, labored over 24 hour days, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Thanks to all of them, Corrections is working in Lake County, Ohio!

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