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OVERVIEW

The Department of Corrections recorded 57 institutional escapes in 1978. Although this figure shows an increase in escapes over last year, it represents the second lowest annual number of escapes since 1973.

Of the 57 escapes recorded in 1978, 21 were escapes over a fence or wall; 24 walkaway escapes; eight (8) escapes from furlough; three (3) escapes from trips; and one (1) escape from an erroneous release to bond.

Figure 1 shows the number, type, and location of escapes for the period 1973 through 1978. Inspection of this figure indicates that the number of escapes from Buena Vista Correctional Facility, Rifle Correctional Facility and Colorado Correctional Center have substantially increased over last year. Those facilities showing reductions in escapes over last year include the Fremont Correctional Facility and Delta Correctional Facility. The most notable reduction in escapes over the last several years has occurred at the Fremont Correctional Facility where no escape over the fence has been recorded since 1976.

Escape figures for the first three-and-one-half months of 1979 are encouraging. No escape over a fence or wall has occurred during this period in 1979. Based on the low rate of escapes for the first three-and-one-half months of 1979, the annual number of escapes for 1979 could be the lowest ever recorded by this office.

Detail Escape Data.

- A. Escape Type. The majority of institutional escapes in 1978 were group escapes. Of the total 57 escapes, 31 escapes occurred in only 10 incidents. The following figure depicts group size, rate of occurrence, and number of escapes during 1978.

<u>Group Size</u>	<u>Rate of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number of Escapes</u>
Nine	1	9
Five	1	5
Three	1	3
Two	7	14
One	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>
Total	36	57

- B. Month of Escape. Graph I shows the distribution of escape incidents by month. Since monthly escape incidents showed similar trends for 1977 and 1978, the two years' data were averaged and plotted. From this graph it appears that the most critical parts of the year for potential escapes are the March - May, July - August, and October periods.

C. Escape Ratios. A simple measure in monitoring institutional escape rates is the ratio of escape incidents per 100 ADA. The following figure gives the number of escape incidents and ADA of facilities for 1977 and 1978. Caution in interpreting these data is advised as not all escape incidents are similar in nature or involve similar risk factors of the escapee.

ESCAPE INCIDENTS PER 100 ADA

1977 and 1978

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Number of Escape Incidents</u>		<u>Number of Escapees</u>		<u>ADA</u>		<u>Ratio Incidents x 100 ADA</u>	
	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978
Canon Corr. Facility/ Diagnostic Center	4	3	11	13	875	891	.46	.34
Fremont Corr. Facility/ ITC	2	3	2	4	481	493	.42	.61
Colo. Women's Corr. Facility	2	3	2	3	62	58	3.23	5.17
Buena Vista Corr. Facility	4	8	5	14	528	511	.76	1.57
Colo. Corr. Center	7	13	9	13	54	64	12.96	20.31
Delta Corr. Facility	5	1	8	1	84	85	5.95	1.18
Rifle Corr. Facility	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>3.13</u>	<u>11.90</u>
Total	25	36	39	57				
Total Institutions					2136	2160	1.17	1.67

Figure 1

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Institutional Escape Data

1973 - 1978

<u>CANON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Inside the walls	1	3	0	0	0	11
Inside fence	2	3	3	3	0	0
Outside perimeter	4	3	0	0	7	2
Non-return furlough	0	0	3	0	0	0
Maximum trip	0	0	3	0	4	0
Total	7	9	9	3	11	13
 <u>FREMONT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY</u>						
Inside fence	13	11	11	17	0	0
Ranch/dairy walkaway	9	8	4	2	0	0
Garden walkaway	3	0	0	0	1	0
ITC walkaway	1	5	0	1	0	4
Cannery	1	0	2	0	0	0
Outside trip	0	2	1	2	1	0
Outside perimeter	0	0	10	2	0	0
Non-return furlough	0	1	43	13	0	0
Total	27	27	71	37	2	4
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Inside perimeter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-return furlough	1	0	3	3	2	2
Non-return gate pass	0	0	0	3	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	0	3	6	2	3
 <u>BUENA VISTA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY</u>						
Inside fence	4	2	15	2	3	10
Ranch/dairy	2	0	2	2	2	2
Non-return furloughs	19	14	15	10	0	0
Non-return gate pass	3	1	1	0	0	0
Boiler house	0	0	0	0	0	1
Supervised leave	6	3	3	2	0	1
Total	34	20	36	16	5	14

Figure 1

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1973 - 1978

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COLORADO CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Walkaway	8	3	7	0	2	5
Non-return furlough	0	1	3	7	7	6
Non-return gate pass	0	0	2	0	0	1
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	8	4	12	7	9	13

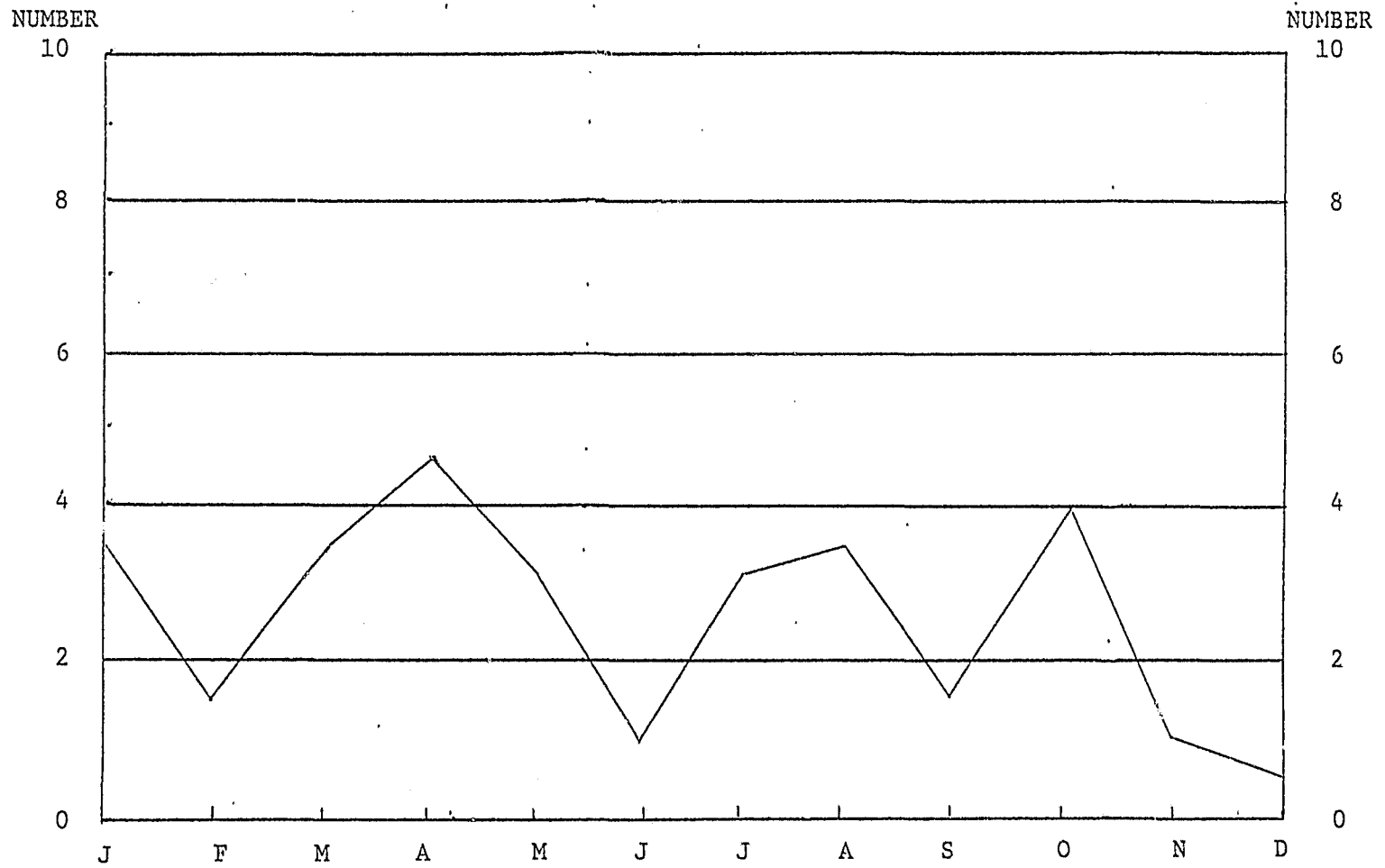
WESTERN SLOPE FACILITIES

Delta walkway	11	3	3	6	8	1
Rifle walkaway	7	1	5	0	2	9
Arboles walkaway	0	0	0	1	0	0
Non-return furlough	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	19	4	10	12	10	10
TOTAL INSTITUTIONS	<u>96</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>57</u>

GRAPH I

INSTITUTIONAL ESCAPES

AVERAGE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS*



* Based on 1977 & 1978 data

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