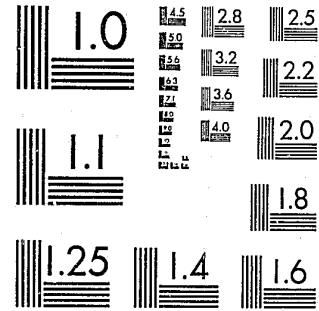


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1977

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December 1977

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Bureau of Corrections

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ACQUISITIONS

December 1, 1977

Honorable Governor James B. Longley  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Longley:

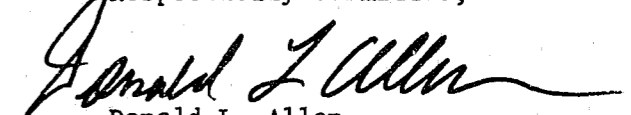
The enclosed County Jail Inspection Report is submitted in compliance with Title 34, Sec. 3, M.R.S.A. 1964 and amended by P.L. 1967 c 248, P.L. 1969 c 258, P.L. 1975 c 771, P.L. 1977 c 510, and regulations set forth relating to Standards for County Jails established by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, January, 1977.

The Inspection Report was prepared by Mr. Joseph L. McClay, State Jail Inspector for the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

This inspection was based upon up-dating information presented in the 1976 County Jail Inspection Report, to determine what areas of recommendation had been acted upon, and to give a general account of conditions present at the time of inspections of each county jail.

On Friday, December 2, 1977 Mr. McClay and this writer will be traveling to Machias for the purpose of a follow-up visit to the Washington County Jail. Also during our visit to Washington County we will be meeting with Sheriff Moholland and various Washington County Commissioners and officials concerning future courses of action regarding that County's Jail facilities. A report of this visit and meeting along with recommendations will be submitted at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald L. Allen  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Corrections

December 1, 1977

State of Maine  
County Commissioners and Sheriffs

Commissioners and Sheriffs:

In accordance with the authority and instructions contained in Title 34, M.R.S.A., 1975, Chapter 1, section 3, which is stated below, the results of the 1977 county jail inspections are contained in the following individual county reports.

Title 34, M.R.S.A., 1975

§ 3. Inspection of county jails; standards, transfer of prisoners

The department may make frequent inspections of all county jails and shall inspect all county jails at least twice in each year and report annually, before December 1st to the Governor in respect to the conditions of said jails.

The commissioner shall establish standards for all county jails. Such standards shall approximate, insofar as possible, those established by the Inspector of Jails, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Failure on the part of the county commissioners to maintain standards established under this section, discovered during any jail inspection conducted under this section, shall be reported by the commissioner in writing to the county commissioners of the county in which such jail is located, specifying deficiencies and departures from such standards and ordering their correction. It shall be the responsibility of the county commissioners to cause such deficiencies to be corrected and such standards to be restored, within 6 months from receipt of the report and order of the commissioner. For failure of the county commissioners to comply with such order, the commissioner may order the county jail to be closed and the prisoners transferred to the nearest county jail or jails meeting the prescribed standards and having available room for prisoners. The cost of transfer, support and return of such prisoners shall be paid by the county from whose jail the prisoners are transferred as provided in this section for other transfers. The commissioner may contract with any qualified person to serve as consultant to the department for the purpose of inspections under this section and to inspect the county jails, and any law to the contrary notwithstanding, such qualified person may be an officer or employee of the department.

The department, upon request of the sending sheriff and approval of the county commissioners, may transfer any prisoner serving a sentence in his jail to any other county jail to serve the balance of his sentence, or any part thereof, upon the approval of the sheriff and county commissioners of the receiving county. Cost of transfer or return of such prisoner shall be paid by the sending county. The amount to be paid for the support of the prisoner in the receiving county shall be at a rate agreed upon by the county commissioners party to the transfer, and shall be paid by the sending county.

The department shall have the same authority over local lock-ups as they have over county jails pursuant to this section.

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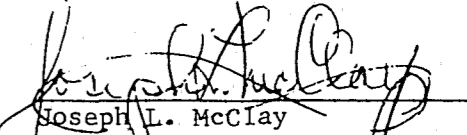
The new Standards for County Jails were distributed throughout the County Jail System during February, 1977. All inspections conducted during 1977 were in accordance with the new standards insofar as possible.

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The year 1977 saw continued progress in the betterment of county facilities. Knox County opened their newly renovated jail during the month of May. Piscataquis County held an Open House for their new addition in October. Waldo County opened a completely new facility in January. Hancock County should be getting started on their new facility in December, 1977, as the planning and funding procedures have been completed. Oxford County opened bids on their new jail the last of November. York County, after years of delaying, finally broke ground and have a good start on their building with a completion date of November, 1978. Aroostook County is well on the way in the renovating of the office space formerly occupied by the Sheriff; when completed it will be the female area. Other counties are exploring all possible sources of funding to see if there is money to either upgrade their jails or construct new ones. During the past four years, seventy percent of the counties in which jails are located have upgraded their facilities by either minor or major renovations or new construction.

The Work Release Program continued to be a very successful program for both the inmate and the county. During the year inmate earnings totaled \$128,122.28 and the counties received \$26,552.50 in board.

The Bureau of Corrections extends its appreciation to the Sheriffs and Commissioners for the cooperation given the Bureau in matters pertaining to the jails during 1977.

  
Joseph L. McClay  
State Jail Inspector  
Bureau of Corrections

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COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

September 26, 1977

Androscoggin County Jail

Auburn, Maine

Lionel Cote, Sheriff

Roland D. Landry, Chairman  
Bertrand L. Pointbriand, Commissioner  
Richard R. Charette, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

ANDROSCOGGIN County

INFORMATION WAS NOT MADE AVAILABLE FOR REPORT

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Attendants (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Female:

Matrons (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Matrons (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Suicides:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Escapes:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY JAIL - AUBURN, MAINE

Built 1969

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is twenty-six (26) adult males, three (3) adult females, three (3) juveniles, either male or female, and three (3) minimum security adult males for a total of thirty-five (35).

The renovations of the first floor and the basement of the old section have been completed. The basement area consists of a new kitchen with modern equipment and an area where the inmates are served from a serving complex next to the dining area. The first floor has three cells for minimum security inmates, the cells are not locked as these inmates are trustees or work releasees. A section of the first floor is used for booking and storage.

This County had a change in Sheriffs the first of the year. The former Sheriff retired and Lionel Cote was elected.

The overall condition of the jail during this inspection was the best that this Inspector has seen it.

The County Commissioners and Sheriff should be aware that this facility is becoming too small to meet the needs of the county and should be thinking seriously of additional space needs for the very near future.

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ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: Incoming mail is inspected for contraband.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

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FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The kitchen and the entire food service area is kept exceptionally clean.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Sanitation (Food Related) of the County Jail Standards.

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SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

There are areas within the jail that need to be painted.

The local Health Officer should be requested to conduct a periodic sanitation inspection of the facility and file a written report with the Sheriff.

Remarks: The jail was the cleanest during this inspection that it has ever been since this Inspector has been in charge.

Fire retardant mattresses, the type endorsed by the State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections, are in use throughout the facility.

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CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

A jail log, separate from any other departmental log, shall be maintained by each shift showing counts, admissions, discharges, releases, administering of medication, cell checks, unusual incidents, etc., and initialed by the employee making the entry. A log of this type serves as a protective document in the event of legal action as well as a source of information for succeeding shifts.

A written plan covering emergencies should be drawn up and all staff should be made aware of what action he or she should take in the event of an emergency.

Much closer supervision should be exercised by the staff during outdoor recreation periods.

Remarks: The new policy of having two and sometimes three jail attendants on duty at one time certainly lessens the possibility of custody and security problems.

There is a spare set of keys available and readily accessible in the event they are needed.

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FEMALE AREA:

A major deficiency in this area is the lack of a second means of egress in the event of an emergency.

Recreation, especially outdoor activity, is almost non-existent. This is a serious deficiency and shall be corrected.

Visiting for female inmates is very poor. It is suggested that a separate schedule be set up for visiting of female inmates.

Remarks: This facility is cleared to accept female inmates.

This facility has matrons on duty when there is a female incarcerated.

The same programs that are offered to the male inmate shall be offered to the females and shall be supervised by a female.

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JUVENILE AREA:

Like the female area, this section has only one means of egress in the event of an emergency.

There is no recreation program available for juveniles; this is a serious deficiency.

There is no regular scheduled visiting plan for juveniles; a separate visiting schedule should be set up and put into effect at once.

This section of the jail was dirty at the time of the inspection.

There was no TV in the area; it had been removed because the juveniles had been able to get to it and cause damage.

The location of the electrical conduit pipe on the walls of the cells in this area is an invitation for destruction unless very close supervision is maintained over the juveniles.

The whole area is in need of painting.

Remarks: This facility is cleared for the housing of juveniles.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

The rules and regulations, a copy of which is given each inmate when he or she enters the jail, should be gone over with the inmate so that they are understood and the inmate knows what is expected of him or her and what the consequences could be for any infractions.

Remarks: The closed jail policy in operation at this facility tends to hold the control and discipline problems to a minimum.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: A number of the medical personnel of the rescue squad are deputies and the working relationship with this unit is excellent in-so-far as the jail and inmates are concerned.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Medical and Health Services of the County Jail Standards.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The number of hours of visiting per week, which presently is five (5), should be increased.

Visiting schedules shall be set up for female and juvenile inmates.

Library: The library, which now consists of very few books, shall be increased in variety and number of selections.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: Females and juveniles shall be allowed the same recreational programs as the adult male inmates.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: The major deficiency in this area is the total lack of programs for female and juvenile inmates.

Remarks: The Sheriff is in the process of applying for a grant to fund the position of Program Coordinator for the jail.

Counseling is available to the inmates in the areas of drugs, alcohol, religion, mental health and education. A counseling program with Bates students acting as counselors is in the process of being formulated.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The County Commissioners should be giving some very serious thought to enlarging this facility. There are times when the population exceeds the capacity of the present structure. The new section was so constructed that an additional floor or two could be added and if incarcerations continue to increase more space will be a must.

The old section of the facility was approved for use as a minimum security section for work releasees and trusties but not for use as a section where people are locked up, which has been the case from time to time. This practice shall be discontinued.

The need for a second means of egress from the female and juvenile areas has been noted.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: The exposed electric conduit piping on the walls could be an invitation to destructive minded inmates.

Fire Prevention: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: During the past year new recessed safety lights along with an electrical outlet have been installed in the cells, thus eliminating extension cords throughout.

The installation of a smoke detecting system is nearly completed.

The communications and receiving areas are being remodeled and will be much more adequate and secure than in the past.

The jail is in the process of being painted.

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WORK RELEASE:

Information not made available.

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FUTURE PLANS:

The Sheriff is exploring the possibility of renovating the top floor of the old portion of the facility for use as an indoor recreation area, program area and classrooms.

County Jail Inspection Report

September 27, 1977

Aroostook County Jail

Houlton, Maine

Darrell O. Crandall, Sheriff

Joel LeBlanc, Chairman  
David Bell, Commissioner  
G. Ronald McCluskey, Commissioner



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

AROOSTOOK County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 7  
 Counselors (FT) 0  
 Cook (FT) 1  
 Other (FT) 1 or 2 Helper

Jail Attendants (PT) As needed  
 Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Female:

Matrons (FT) 0  
 Counselors (FT) 0  
 Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (FT) 1 Helper

Matrons (PT) As needed  
 Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Overnight Population:

Adult  
 Male 22  
 Female .8  
 Total 22.8

Juvenile  
 Male 1.5  
 Female .3  
 Total 1.8

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult  
 Male 894  
 Female 53  
 Total 947

Juvenile  
 Male 130  
 Female 25  
 Total 155

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 306  
 Female 5  
 Total 311

Juvenile

Male 3  
 Female 1  
 Total 4

Suicides:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 0

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 0

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 5 (3 forced way out of back gate and went out delivery door)  
 Female 0 (2 overpowered officer while being allowed a phone call)  
 Total 5

Juvenile

Male 0  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 0

AROOSTOOK COUNTY JAIL - HOULTON, MAINE

Built 1889

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The present capacity is one hundred and two (102) adult males and six (6) adult females, and upon completion of the renovations there will be an additional three (3) cells for a total of one hundred and eleven (111).

The move of the Sheriff's Office and his staff to the County Building across the street was completed this year, thus increasing the space for the housing of different classes of inmates in the jail.

It is again suggested to the Sheriff and the County Commissioners that due to the size of this jail, the position of Jail Administrator be established and filled.

This facility, even though it is quite old, can, with preventative maintenance and some renovating, serve the County well for some years in the future.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: The file folder system of individual record keeping which has been successfully used by other jails should be adopted. The system will be set up and implemented the first of the year.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The method used for record keeping has been effective but the information was not in one central location which will be the case when the file folder system is used.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Food Related):

Inmate kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints when working around food.

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Remarks: The Cook and his kitchen crew do a commendable job in the preparation and serving of the food, as well as keeping the kitchen clean, in view of the fact that most of the equipment is quite antiquated.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cell area needs more attention as far as ordinary housekeeping is concerned.

The majority of the toilet bowls were dirty and need to be cleaned daily.

The area where the trusties are housed was dirty and very cluttered.

Many sections of the cell block need to be painted.

Remarks: There have been two custodians hired under the CETA Program who will, hopefully, square the jail away as far as future cleanliness is concerned.

Fire retardant mattaesses, the type endorsed by the Fire Marshal's Office and the Bureau of Corrections, are in use throughout the facility.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

There shall be a written plan pertaining to emergencies such as fire, riots, escapes, etc., and all jail personnel shall become familiar with the plan.

Remarks: Custody and security problems are at a minimum at this facility due to the fact that the inmates are locked on the walks and are not able to roam about the jail freely.

FEMALE AREA:

When there is a female inmate there shall be twenty-four hour matron coverage; presently the coverage is only for two of the three shifts.

There shall be periodic checks of the area by the matron and the results entered in the jail log. Checks should be at least every one-half hour.

Remarks: The area formerly occupied by the Sheriff and his staff is being renovated and will become the female section of the jail. Both adult and juvenile females will be able to be housed in this area. This section will contain three separate rooms with day-room space and will be totally segregated from the general population.

This facility is cleared to accept female inmates.

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JUVENILE AREA:

The present male juvenile area was dirty at the time of the inspection. More supervision should be exercised over juveniles in an effort to get them to conform with the rules and regulations of the jail as they pertain to them.

The lack of programs and organized recreation is a major factor in the behavior of the juvenile inmate.

Remarks: The present female section will be the male juvenile section upon completion of the new female area.

The new juvenile section will consist of six individual rooms and the area will be totally segregated with two means of egress.

This facility is cleared to accept juvenile inmates.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

A copy of the rules and regulations for inmates shall be given each inmate when he or she is incarcerated.

The rules and regulations shall be explained to the inmate so that there will be no doubt in his or her mind as to what is expected of them while they are in the jail.

All supervision of female inmates shall be done by female employees.

Remarks: Control problems are at a minimum in this facility due to the fact the inmates are locked on the walk.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The medical situation, even though it has improved, is far from ideal. There is a doctor who will come to the jail when called, but there is still no regular visiting by the doctor.

Remarks: The County Rescue Squad is housed in the jail so they are available in case of an emergency.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The visiting schedule is still the same as last year, 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday only. The possibility of some evening visits during the week should be considered.

The visiting area is quite small for the size of the facility.

Library: The library situation has not changed, just some books that can be taken to the cell as there is no room set aside for library purposes.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: The major deficiency in this area is the lack of an outside exercise or recreation area. There is some space in the rear of the jail which could be fenced in for an exercise area, the County Commissioners should consider this approach.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: There is no set schedule of programs for the inmates at this facility. There are, in the community, programs which could be used if set up in the jail, which would be advantageous to the inmates and the employees as well.

Remarks: Counseling in drugs, alcohol, mental health and religion is available on a request basis.

There are funds available from various sources which could be used to hire a program coordinator and due to the size of the population in this facility it is felt that the services of a coordinator could be very useful.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The interior of the jail needs to be painted.

The floors are in need of painting.

The outside windows were to have been replaced and as yet this has not been done. The present windows cannot be repaired when damaged due to parts not being available. (This deficiency noted for the second year.)

The present kitchen is too small and the equipment and facilities are outdated. There is sufficient room in the area next to the kitchen to install new equipment and have a modern food preparation area.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: There is no operational emergency generator in the event there is a loss of power. (This deficiency noted for the fourth year.)

Fire Prevention: There shall be a plan worked out with the local fire department in the event of a fire at the jail.

The deficiencies noted by the inspectors of the Fire Marshal's Office during a 1975 inspection have not been corrected.

Remarks: The moving of the Sheriff's Office out of the jail and making the area into female facilities and the old female area into a juvenile section increases the segregation capabilities of this facility.

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WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program is operated out of the Aroostook County Half-way House which is attached to the jail. The inmates earned \$14,005.00 and paid \$3,656.50 for board.

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FUTURE PLANS:

The Sheriff would like to see the modernization of the kitchen and the surrounding area.

County Jail Inspection Report

September 28, 1977

Cumberland County Jail

Portland, Maine

Charles Sharpe, Sheriff

Arthur H. Charles, Chairman  
Arthur Chapman, Jr., Commissioner  
Peggy-Lee Ragan, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

CUMBERLAND County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 23  
 Counselors (FT) 1  
 Cook (FT) 2  
 \*\* Other (FT) Psychologist 1  
                   Jail Administrator 1  
                   Asst. Administrator 1  
 Jail Attendants (PT) 6  
 Counselors (PT) 1  
 Other (PT) Jail Physician 1

Female:

Matrons (FT) 4  
 Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matrons (PT) 1  
 Counselors (PT) 1  
 Other (PT) School Teacher

Average Overnight Population:

Adult  
 Male 75  
 Female 2  
 Total 77

Juvenile  
 Male 3  
 Female 1  
 Total 4

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult  
 Male 3536  
 Female 451  
 Total 3987

Juvenile  
 Male 442  
 Female 165  
 Total 607

\*\* Medical Officers 2  
 Records Clerk 1  
 Records Officer 1  
 Work Release Officer 1  
 Recreations Officer 1  
 Transport Officer 1  
 Maintenance Officer 1

Total Sentenced:

Adult  
 Male 391  
 Female 19  
 Total 410

Juvenile  
 Male 1  
 Female 0  
 Total 1

Suicides:

Adult  
 Male 2 (Hanging)  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 2

Juvenile  
 Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult  
 Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile  
 Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Escapes:

Adult  
 Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile  
 Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

CUMBERLAND COUNTY JAIL - PORTLAND, MAINE

Built 1964

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is ninety-six (96, adult males, eight (8) adult or juvenile females and four (4) male juveniles for a total of one hundred and eight (108) in the main jail. The former Portland Municipal Jail is now being operated by the County as an intake and detention annex to the County Jail. The capacity of the annex is sixteen (16) adult males and two (2) male juveniles for a total of eighteen (18). The total capacity of the two facilities is one hundred and twenty-six (126).

During this past year the duly elected Sheriff saw fit to resign and former Sheriff Charles Sharpe was appointed by Governor Longley to serve out the unexpired term.

This jail continues to house the majority of the York County inmates and will probably do so until the new jail is completed in Alfred. For the year ending June 30, 1977, Cumberland County received \$106,750.00 for the boarding of inmates from York County.

This department continues to be one of the most progressive in the way of new programs and changes for the betterment of corrections in the county jail system.

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ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

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FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Food Related):

The ceiling in the kitchen needs to be washed or painted.

The floor around the drain area of the kitchen is in need of repair.

Remarks: The overall sanitation of the food service area was good.

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SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The bars throughout the cell area shall be dusted and washed more often.

The cell block as a whole was very cluttered and quite dirty at the time of the inspection.

The cleaning of the cell block needs much more supervision from the staff.

The jail is in need of painting.

Remarks: The local health officer inspects the jail on a monthly basis. Fire retardant mattresses, the type endorsed by the Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections, are in use throughout the facility.

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CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The need for an additional officer on each floor for each shift is certainly warranted with the population staying in the area of ninety (90).

Remarks: The classification system used by this department to assign security classifications to inmates has minimized the problems of custody and security.

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FEMALE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth in the County Jail Standards for female inmates.

This facility is cleared to accept female inmates.

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JUVENILE AREA:

No deficiencies noted in the area of female juveniles.

Male juveniles must be taken through the adult male area in order to get to the juvenile section.

Extra caution shall be taken to keep adults away from this section.

Remarks: This facility is cleared to accept juvenile inmates.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

The addition of one more officer per shift would help to minimize any control problems that might arise.

A plan of the day should be made up and put into effect so that the inmate knows what and when to do the things expected of him or her during the day.

Remarks: The Sheriff has included in the budget funds for additional staff for the jail.

There has been an additional officer added to each shift at the annex, this has been long overdue, it not only adds to the security but also to the safety of the officers and inmates.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: Through a federal grant, there has been a psychologist added to the staff whose primary duty was to set up and operate a Division of Health Services within the jail. The program is funded until June, 1978.

Each inmate who is to be confined for forty-eight (48) hours or more is given a complete physical examination.

There are two full time medical officers on the staff in addition to the psychologist and the doctor who visits the jail at least twice a week. This facility has a very fine medical section.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Medical and Health Services of the County Jail Standards.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: No deficiencies noted.

Library: No deficiencies noted.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: This facility does not have an outdoor recreation area but does have an exceptionally large indoor area.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: There is a recreation officer on the jail staff and he coordinates all programs and recreation.

Counseling is available and ongoing in drugs, alcohol, religion, mental health, crisis intervention, health and welfare and education.

A school teacher is employed on a part time basis to prepare inmates who are interested in the GED.

Weekly Alcoholic Anonymous meeting is held in the jail.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The lighting system in the cell blocks is very poor; there are some areas where it is almost dark. A study should be undertaken to improve this condition for the sake of security and safety.

As mentioned before the cell block areas need painting.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: Mentioned above.

Fire Prevention: See remarks:

Remarks: New security screens are to be installed on all windows in the cell block areas.

A grant has been approved to improve the fire protection of the facility. The improvements would be:

Installation of 15 Exit signs  
Fire alarm and detection system  
Eight fire hose stations  
Installation of 16 fire and smoke barriers  
Add 20 new units of emergency lighting

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WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program at this facility showed an increase of nearly twice that of a year ago. The total amount earned by the inmates was \$38,500.00 with \$4,076.00 being paid to the County for board.

There is a full time Work Release Officer employed by the department. This program has been very successful this year.

FUTURE PLANS:

The idea of building an addition onto the present facility next to the Courthouse to take care of juveniles is being explored by the Sheriff.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

September 29, 1977

Franklin County Jail

Farmington, Maine

Ronald A. Durrell, Sheriff

Eben R. Farrington, Chairman  
Stanton F. Yeaton, Commissioner  
Walter M. Fletcher, Commissioner



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

FRANKLIN County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 8

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Attendants (PT) 5

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Female:

Matrons (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Matrons (PT) 6

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 6

Female less than 1

Total 6

Juvenile

Male Less than 1

Female Less than 1

Total Less than 1

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 481

Female 31

Total 512

Juvenile

Male 66

Female 15

Total 81

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 40

Female 0

Total 40

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Suicides:

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 1 (walked out of the unlocked cell block gate.)

Female 0

Total 1

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL - FARMINGTON, MAINE

Built 1889

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "INADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is thirteen (13) adult males and one (1) adult female for a total of fourteen (14).

Sheriff Durrell, after having been appointed by Governor Longley to serve out the unexpired term of the deceased former sheriff, was elected to the office by the citizens of Franklin County and is performing the duties in a very efficient manner.

The County Commissioners have explored the possibilities of renovating the present jail, purchasing the former hospital for a jail complex and the construction of a new facility. As yet there has been no decision reached as to what approach to take. The renovating of the present jail would be very costly and the end result would not provide much, if any, of the added space needed to comply with the present standards. The purchase of and renovating of an existing structure can also be very costly. The least expensive solution over a period of years would be the construction of a new and modern jail facility. The fact still remains that something must be done to overcome the existing deficiencies.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The Sheriff's wife is the Cook and is employed by the County.

The food is prepared in the kitchen of the Sheriff's quarters and the same food served to the inmates is also served to the Sheriff and his family.

This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Sanitation (Food Related) of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

There is only one toilet and one lavatory available to the general population. There should be at least one of each on each floor.

The only means of ventilation is by opening windows.

The cell block is heated by hot air blowers which are very inefficient and most of the time are clogged up.

Remarks: The jail as a whole was very clean as is the case on most every visit.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

More caution should be exercised when the officer enters the cell block, making sure that the door is locked behind him and the key is on the outside.

Remarks: There is now an officer, other than the dispatcher, on duty at all times to supervise the jail.

FEMALE AREA:

There will be no female inmates incarcerated at this facility until such time as the area has been renovated.

The deficiencies are as follows:

1. Bathtub to be replaced by a shower.
2. New toilet and lavatory to be installed.
3. All exposed pipes done away with.
4. Different heating arrangement.
5. Recessed, security type light installed.

Remarks: Even though the female cell is totally segregated from the rest of the jail, it is inadequate in the present condition.

JUVENILE AREA:

Under existing conditions a juvenile may be detained only if the totally segregated cell is available and then for twelve (12) hours at most. Every effort shall be made to handle juveniles by some means other than incarceration.

Remarks: This county jail handled eighty-one (81) juveniles last year and it being the only place of detention in the County would indicate that there should be an adequate place available for detention. Any proposed juvenile area shall be totally segregated from the adult population.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

A copy of rules and regulations for inmates will be given to and explained to each new inmate upon entering the jail.

Remarks: Control problems are at a bare minimum due to the small population of this jail.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

A doctor should be hired to make at least two (2) scheduled visits per week to the jail.

Remarks: The response of a local doctor is very good when called.

If doctor is not available the inmate is taken to the emergency room by Deputies.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The number of days for visiting should be increased to more than just on Saturday.

Library: There is no library as such.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: TV and table games are the only means of recreation. There is still no outdoor exercise area.

Church Services: Services held every Sunday in the jail.

Programs: Programs are very limited at this facility.

Remarks: An agreement could probably be reached between the jail and the local library for some of their services for the inmates.

The space between Sampson's and the rear of the jail, which is County property, could be fenced in for a small but effective outdoor exercise area.

The University of Maine is an excellent source for any number of programs such as education, counseling, hobbies, etc. Also, the local Counseling Center offers counseling in drugs, alcohol, mental health and other fields. Their services are available for the asking.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The plumbing in the security area is certainly inadequate. The pipes are not large enough to maintain the required pressure to properly flush the toilets. Water pipes and drain pipes are exposed throughout the cell areas and could easily be torn from the walls and cause considerable damage. The sewerage system for the facility is not tied in with the municipal system. The lack of toilets and lavatories has been mentioned before.

There is no visiting area within the jail proper. The garage which is used to house the CD truck is utilized as a visiting area and is totally insecure.

The window casings throughout the jail are rotting away and are glazed with ordinary window glass.

There is only one exit from the cell block on the second floor.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: The conduit pipes for the electrical wiring are exposed and could easily be torn from the walls or ceiling causing a fire or bodily harm to inmates and employees.

The lighting system in the cell area is totally inadequate from the stand point of too little light, danger of electrical shock and the expense of constant replacing and repairing.

Fire Prevention: The mattresses used at this facility are of the material that gives off a very toxic and deadly smoke. Provisions should be made at once to purchase the fire retardant mattress endorsed by the Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections.

The Sheriff's living quarters, which are attached to the jail, are constructed of wood and this creates a very possible fire hazard to the entire complex. The entire interior of the Civil Defense storage area, which is a portion of the jail building, is constructed of wood. There are definite fire hazards present at this facility.

There is no fire or smoke detection system at this facility.

Remarks: The Sheriff and his staff are doing a commendable job in maintaining this facility at a level whereby it has been allowed to remain open.

WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program shows a slight increase over last year, earnings were \$2,652.56 with \$1,335.00 being paid the County for board.

FUTURE PLANS:

A Committee of from seven to ten citizens is to be selected to make a study of the present jail situation and what can be done in the way of renovating or new construction.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

September 30, 1977

Hancock County Jail

Ellsworth, Maine

Robert Williams, Sheriff

John E. Jordan, Jr., Chairman  
Roland W. Harriman, Commissioner  
Frank W. Anderson, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

HANCOCK County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3 CETA

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Jail Attendants (PT) 0

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Female:

Matrons (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Matrons (PT) 1

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 8

Female 0 (Held at Penobscot County Jail)

Total 8

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0 Held at Penobscot County Jail

Total 0

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 1173

Female 45

Total 1218

Juvenile

Male 14

Female 5

Total 19

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 49

Female 0

Total 49

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Suicides:

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

HANCOCK COUNTY JAIL - ELLSWORTH, MAINE

Built 1856

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP - "TEMPORARILY ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is fourteen (14) adult males.

Females and juveniles shall not be incarcerated at this facility, they shall be transported to a facility that has been cleared to house that class of inmate.

Final plans have been submitted to the National Clearinghouse for Criminal Justice Planning and Architecture for final approval. On November 9, 1977, in a telephone conversation with the Clearinghouse, the jail inspector was informed that final approval had been given on November 8, 1977. The Sheriff and County Commissioners are in hopes that actual construction will be under way in December, 1977.

The Sheriff and the Commissioners as well as all others involved with the planning and funding of a new facility and, most important of all, the citizens of Hancock County are to be commended for making a new jail a reality.

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ADMINISTRATION:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

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FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: Food is prepared and served by a paid Cook, there is no inmate help involved in this operation at this facility. The cooking is done in the kitchen of the Sheriff's quarters.

This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Sanitation (Food Related) of the County Jail Standards.

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SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cell block should be painted.

Remarks: The cell block was clean at the time of the inspection.

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CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: During the past year, through the CETA Program, the department was able to hire three correctional officers whose duties are confined to the jail. This corrects a deficiency of long standing.

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FEMALE AREA:

This facility is not cleared to accept female inmates.

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JUVENILE AREA:

This facility is not cleared to accept juvenile inmates.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The addition of one more officer per shift along with the dispatcher has minimized problems in this area.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The County Commissioners should engage the services of a doctor to make at least two scheduled visits per week to the jail for the purpose of sick call and the conducting of physicals on those inmates who are to be confined for more than forty-eight (48) hours.

REMARKS: Presently there are two doctors who respond quite readily when called to the jail. If no doctor is available, the inmate is taken to the emergency room for treatment.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The present area used for visiting is small, crowded and very insecure. Visiting should be allowed more often than twice a week.

Library: There are no library facilities in this jail.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: There is no outdoor exercise area at the present time.

Church Services: There is no set religious program at this facility.

Programs: Counseling services are not scheduled on a regular basis but are available in the areas of drugs, alcohol, mental health, and religion.

Remarks: When the new facility is constructed there will be an outside exercise area, visiting area, and space for programs.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The condition of the present facility is poor, but with a constant preventative maintenance program and real close supervision of the inmates against destructive incidents, it can remain open until the new jail is built. If the conditions drop below the present level of standards, it is recommended that the jail be declared unfit and be closed.

Fire Prevention: This facility is using the type of fire retardant mattresses endorsed by the Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections.

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WORK RELEASE:

Work Release at this facility showed a decline during the past year due to the type of inmate and the condition of the job market in the area. Inmate earnings were \$1,853.20 with \$490.00 being paid for board.

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FUTURE PLANS:

The speedy completion of the new facility is foremost in the minds of all concerned.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 3, 1977

Kennebec County Jail

Augusta, Maine

Leo Bazinet, Sheriff

Paul F. McClay, Chairman  
Kevin Hill, Commissioner  
Charles Moreshead, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

KENNEBEC County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 8

Counselors (FT) 2

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Attendants (PT) 0

Counselors (PT) 29

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Female:

Matrons (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (FT) 1

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Matrons (PT) 4

Counselors (PT) 5

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 43

Female 1

Total 44

Juvenile

Male 1

Female 0

Total 1

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 762

Female 51

Total 813

Juvenile

Male 26

Female 0

Total 26

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 228

Female 2

Total 230

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Suicides:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male 1 (Fall inside of jail)

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 1

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Escapes:

Adult

Male 1 (Climbed over fence in exercise area)

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 1

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_



KENNEBEC COUNTY JAIL - AUGUSTA, MAINE

Built 1890

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is presently sixty-two (62) adult males, six (6) females and twelve (12) male juveniles for a total of eighty (80) inmates.

Sheriff Leo Bazinet assumed the duties of the office on January 1, 1977, after having been elected by the citizens in the General Election. Sheriff Bazinet has been very cooperative with the Bureau of Corrections and has done a commendable job since taking office.

The Sheriff and County Commissioners formed a Citizens Committee to study the jail situation in Kennebec County and make recommendations for the solutions to the many problems that exist. To date the Committee has submitted an interim report of their findings as well as offering courses of action. The work of this Committee has been very positive and from all indications will continue to be.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

FOOD SERVICE:

The food preparation area should be remodeled and the old equipment replaced with new.

Remarks: The food served at this jail is of good quality and ample amounts are served.

A paid Cook prepares the food and supervises the kitchen.

SANITATION (Food Related):

The storage cupboards in the kitchen should be replaced.

The pipes over the table in the dining area should be given immediate attention as the paint chips and flakes and could fall into the food.

The inmate kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints when handling food. This is a deficiency of long standing and shall be corrected.

The windows in the kitchen shall be screened against insects getting in.

Remarks: New cupboards are supposed to be installed in the kitchen for the storage of dishes and utensils. The dining table is to have a new surface applied to it.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The entire jail is badly in need of painting.

There are areas within the cell block, especially high up on the walls, that appear not to have been dusted for years.

The mattresses used in this facility are not the type of fire retardant mattress endorsed by the Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections. The pillows being used are made from material which is hazardous as far as fire is concerned.

The plumbing fixtures in the main washroom area are in a constant state of needing repairs thus causing an unsanitary condition.

There is no plumbing in the individual cells. If an officer is not readily available at night to let an inmate out to go to the general toilet area, the inmate must use a can to relieve himself. This is very unsanitary.

The practice of placing two inmates in a cell should be discontinued. When two bunks are placed in a cell most of the room is taken up by the bunks and the inmates have to sleep in an area so small that it could be injurious to their health.

Portions of the jail were cluttered and dirty.

Remarks: A vermin and pest control program is in effect and carried out by the staff.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

There should be written plans covering emergencies such as fires, riots, escapes, etc. and all jail staff should become familiar with them.

Remarks: The Sheriff has added one officer to each shift so that there is now coverage inside the cell block at all times.

FEMALE AREA:

This area has a number of deficiencies, three of which are major.

1. There is only one way in and out of the female room. If there were to be a fire between the room and the catwalk along the male cells section, the occupants of the room would be trapped.
2. There is no twenty-four (24) hour matron coverage when a female is incarcerated.
3. For a female to be placed in the room, she must be taken through the adult male section of the jail.

This facility is no longer cleared to accept female inmates until such time as deficiencies 1. and 2. are corrected.

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JUVENILE AREA:

This jail can no longer be cleared to accept male juveniles unless they are totally segregated from the adult population, which is not the case at the present time.

Female juveniles will not, under any circumstances, be incarcerated at this facility.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The stationing of an officer inside the cell block has kept control and disciplinary problems to a minimum.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The medication, even though it is kept in the dispatching area, should be under lock and key to guard against it getting into the wrong hands.

Remarks: The doctor makes two regularly scheduled visits a week and responds promptly in the case of emergencies. If doctor is not available, the inmate is taken to the emergency room of the General Hospital.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The visiting facilities at this jail are very poor both from security and comfort standpoints.

Library: No deficiencies noted.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: Females and juveniles do not get the same recreation programs that the adult males get.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: All programs should be available to all classes of inmates.

Remarks: The number and quality of programs offered at this facility is the best in the State. Typical of the programs offered are: counseling in drugs, alcohol, mental health, crisis intervention, health and welfare, religion, GED program, arts and crafts, leather craft and a concentrated employment program. There is also a pre-release program for long term inmates who qualify. The programs are set up and operated under the guidance of a Program Coordinator.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

There are many deficiencies in this area some of which have been mentioned under other areas.

The overall plumbing situation as far as the general population is concerned is inadequate. Pipes are exposed, therefore become a target for destructive inmates.

The roof is in need of major repair as it leaks in some areas. This condition has existed for some time.

The wooden rafters and beams supporting the roof pose a fire hazard, in fact there was a fire in this area some years ago. Part of this area is located directly over the main cell block.

The two existing exits from the cell block are located on the same end of the jail, there should be an additional exit on the other end.

The ceiling in the main part of the jail needs to be repaired in certain areas.

The catwalks along the first and second floor cells pose a serious safety hazard. The floors are wooden and have many coats of oil base paint built up on them. If there were to be a fire, which burned out these floors, the inmates in these areas would become trapped. The steel columns or pipes supporting the catwalks are exposed so that it is possible for an inmate to climb up them, which on one occasion in the past resulted in the death of an inmate falling from the top floor to the bottom floor.

There is a section outside the female area where the inside wall is separating from the outside wall, this should be attended to at once.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical:

Throughout the jail the conduit pipes containing the electrical wiring are exposed and could very easily be torn from the walls or ceilings causing fires and electric shocks as well as untold damage. There is no lighting in the cells in the area known as the "bricks." Lighting is furnished by bare bulbs in the cells which can be dangerous in many ways.

Fire Prevention: There is no detection system in this facility.

Remarks: During the past year a new flue system for the heating plant was installed, thus eliminating the health hazard of breathing in gases given off by the oil burner.

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WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program showed a slight decrease over last year. Inmates earned \$21,932.19 and paid the County \$5,595.00 for board.

FUTURE PLANS:

Following is a list of things to be done in the near future:

1. Blocking off of an old tunnel leading from the "bricks" that otherwise could be an escape route.
2. Paint the jail.
3. Install a new ceiling under the female area.
4. Repair metal ceiling in main cell block.
5. Seal off an area known as the broom closet.
6. Install new plumbing in the shower room.
7. Install new cupboards in the kitchen.
8. New counter top for dining table.
9. Screens for kitchen windows.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 4, 1977

Knox County Jail

Rockland, Maine

Carlton V. Thurston, Sheriff

Robert H. Heald, Chairman  
Merrill W. Payson, Commissioner  
Robert C. McIntosh, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

KNOX County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 8  
 Counselors (FT) 0  
 Cook (FT) 0  
 Other (FT) 0  
  
 Jail Attendants (PT) 5  
 Counselors (PT) 0  
 Other (PT) 0

Female:

Matrons (FT) 1  
 Counselors (FT) 2  
 Cook (FT) 1  
 Other (FT) 0  
  
 Matrons (PT) 3  
 Counselors (PT) 0  
 Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult  
 Male 1.40  
 Female .06  
 Total 1.46

Juvenile  
 Male .03  
 Female 0  
 Total .03

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult  
 Male 82  
 Female 8  
 Total 90

Juvenile  
 Male 3  
 Female 1  
 Total 4

Total Sentenced:

Adult  
 Male 12  
 Female 0  
 Total 12

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Suicides:

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Escapes:

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

KNOX COUNTY JAIL - ROCKLAND, MAINE

Renovated 1977

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The single occupancy capacity of this facility since it has been renovated is nine (9) adult males and three (3) females or juveniles for a total of twelve (12).

The renovations which were started in August, 1976, were completed in May, 1977, and the inmates were moved back from Waldo County the same month. The total capacity was reduced by twenty-two (22), but if the average over-night population remains near the present level, the housing capacity should be adequate.

The Sheriff, County Commissioners and the citizens of Knox County are to be commended for not just realizing the need for a better facility, but also for doing something about it with the end result being a real fine small County Jail.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: A receipt should be given when money and valuables are taken from an inmate. This lessens the chance of any disagreement as to what the inmate had when he was brought in.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The jail is now a separate part of the department and is no longer dependent on the dispatching section for manpower for the jail.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The Sheriff's wife is employed by the County to prepare the food.

SANITATION (Food-Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The food is prepared in the kitchen of the Sheriff's quarters using the same facilities, dishes, etc. as used by the Sheriff and his family.

This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Sanitation (Food Related) of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: All furnishings, fixtures and equipment are new therefore there have been no sanitation problems to date.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

There should be written plans to cover emergencies such as fires, escapes, riots, etc., and all personnel should become familiar with them.

Remarks: There is ample coverage of the cell block for security purposes. There is an exit at each end of the jail.

FEMALE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This area is totally segregated from the adult male population.

This facility is cleared to incarcerate females.

JUVENILE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The juvenile area is located in the female section. This section is made up of three rooms so situated that they are separated so sight and sound segregation is possible.

This facility is cleared to accept juveniles.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Inmate Control and Discipline of the County Jail Standards.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

There are no regularly scheduled visits to the jail by the doctor.

Remarks: The doctor and the local rescue squad are tied into the jail switch-board so it is only a matter of seconds before contact is made and the response is prompt. -- All Correctional Officers have been trained in CPR.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: Visiting should be scheduled for more than one day per week.

Library: Shelves will be installed in the day rooms so that each area will have a small library.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: Each area has a day room where TV, cards and games are available. There is still no outdoor exercise area at this facility. There are times when inmates are taken across the street to the park for out-of-door activity.

Church Service: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: Now that there is space available to conduct programs, the ones which were on an available only basis in the past should now become on-going (e.g. drugs, alcohol, religion, mental health, health and welfare, and education).

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The exterior of the building does not appear to have changed too much but the interior has been completely renovated and is entirely new.

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WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program has not gotten into full operation since the reopening of the jail, but will continue to be an on-going program as it was in the past.

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FUTURE PLANS:

After all the construction now in progress in the County Complex has been completed, it is the desire of the Sheriff to have an area fenced off for out-door recreation.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 5, 1977

Oxford County Jail

So. Paris, Maine

Alton Howe, Sheriff

Stuart F. Martin, Chairman  
Norman K. Ferguson, Jr., Commissioner  
Leo W. MacDonald, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

OXFORD County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Attendants (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) 3

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Female:

Matrons (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Matrons (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 17

Female 0

Total 17

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 604

Female 9

Total 613

Juvenile

Male 43

Female 4

Total 47

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 70

Female 1

Total 71

Juvenile

Male 11

Female 0

Total 11

Suicides:

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

OXFORD COUNTY JAIL - SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

Built 1895

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP - "TEMPORARILY ADEQUATE"

The capacity of the present facility is twenty-eight (28) adult males.

Many concerned people and the Sheriff in particular have waged an uphill battle for years in this County for a new jail and the results are that the bids will be opened the last of November and construction will get under way in December. All those concerned are to be commended for making an idea become a reality.

The present structure, if maintained at the existing level of standards, can be used to meet the needs of the County until such time that the new facility is completed. The present jail will be checked regularly to assure that it does not fall below the present condition during the construction period.

This facility is not cleared to accept females and juveniles for incarceration.

The inmates at this facility earned \$3,456.05 on the Work Release Program and paid \$855.00 to the County for board.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 6, 1977

Penobscot County Jail

Bangor, Maine

Otis N. LaBree, Sheriff

John S. Mooney, Chairman  
Raynor I. Crosman, Commissioner  
William A. Cox, Jr., Commissioner



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

PENOBSCOT County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 9  
 Counselors (FT) 0  
 Cook (FT) 2  
 Other (FT) 0  
  
 Jail Attendants (PT) 0  
 Counselors (PT) 0  
 Other (PT) 0

Female:

(1 is ID)  
 Matrons (FT) 3 (Officer also)  
 Counselors (FT) 0  
 Cook (FT) 0  
 Other (FT) 1 (Coordinator)  
  
 Matrons (PT) 0  
 Counselors (PT) 0 <sup>2</sup>(From Bangor Comm. College assisting in Literacy Pro.)  
 Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult  
 Male 37.  
 Female 1.  
 Total 38

Juvenile  
 Male 2  
 Female 1  
 Total 3

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult  
 Male 1195  
 Female 60  
 Total 1255

Juvenile  
 Male 24  
 Female 12  
 Total 36

Total Sentenced:

Adult  
 Male 170  
 Female 4  
 Total 174

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Suicides:

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Escapes:

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

PENOBSCOT COUNTY JAIL - BANGOR, MAINE

Built 1870

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is eighty-two (82) adult males, six (6) adult females, juvenile females or male juveniles or any combination thereof, and four (4) in the infirmary, if necessary, for a total of ninety-two (92).

It is the plan and desire of the Sheriff to get the renovation of the floor above the female quarters under way by the first part of 1978.

During the latter part of 1977, the services of a training officer were retained to write and implement a training program for the upgrading of Corrections Officers. The training program will be tied in with the Corrections Training at the Criminal Justice Academy.

This department is putting more emphasis on the corrections aspect of law enforcement through better training and the hiring of ample staff to man the facility.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration in the County Jail Standards.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service in the County Jail Standards.

The hiring of a Second Cook has increased the efficiency of this section.

SANITATION (Food Related):

There should be a ventilation hood over the range and the deep fryer.

Remarks: Both a walk-in freezer and a walk-in refrigerator are to be installed in the kitchen.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cell block needs to be painted.

The rooms located at the end of each row of cells should be cleaned at least weekly even though they are not used regularly.

The shower stalls in the main cell block need to be worked on.

Remarks: The overall cleanliness of the cell area was good.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

A written plan covering emergencies such as fires, escapes, riots, etc., should be drawn up and all jail personnel should become familiar with what their duties would be in case of an emergency.

Remarks: The presence of at least one and most times two officers in the cell area at all times certainly makes for a more secure jail.

FEMALE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This area is probably the best female area of any jail in the State and is run very efficiently by a full time matron's section.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Females of the County Jail Standards.

This facility is cleared to accept females.

JUVENILE AREA:

Presently the juvenile males are housed in the main section of the jail on a walk where they have no contact with the adult population; but they have to be taken through the adult area to reach the juvenile section.

Remarks: Female juveniles are housed in the female section where there is complete segregation from adults. This facility is cleared to accept juveniles.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: Each new inmate is put in a lockup status for the first twenty-four hours in this facility so he or she can be closely observed during this very critical period.

The presence of officers inside the cell block at all times keeps the control problems to a minimum.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Inmate Control and Discipline in the County Jail Standards.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The four bed infirmary gives this facility the capability of segregating the ill inmate from the general population.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: No deficiencies noted.

Library: There is a room that had been made into a library and reading room with a good supply of books, but is not being used due to misuse by inmates. It is suggested that it be opened certain times of the day with someone in charge to keep order.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: No deficiencies noted.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: This department has scheduled visiting seven days per week.

Inmates are taken outside in the exercise area, weather permitting, every day.

Female and juvenile inmates are afforded the same programs and recreation privileges as the general population.

Counseling in drugs, alcohol, religion, mental health, crisis intervention, health and welfare and education is available to those inmates who wish to take advantage of it.

The Work Release Coordinator doubles as the Program Coordinator.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The two most serious deficiencies in this area are the lack of a second means of egress from the main cell block and the very dangerous condition of the roof.

The wooden timbers holding the roof are badly cracked and in a weakened condition thus the possibility of the roof caving in is very real. The windows in the female area need to be repaired to keep out the cold air.

The floor in certain areas of the new section should be painted or treated in some way so that the finish will last for a reasonable length of time. Screens should be installed on all windows that can be opened.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: The recessed lights in each cell should be secured by some type of protective covering so that they are not accessible to the inmates.

Fire Prevention: All mattresses throughout the jail should be of the fire retardant type endorsed by the State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections.

Some sort of a smoke or fire detecting system should be installed in the cell areas.

Remarks: There are plans for painting the jail during the winter months.

Fans for removing smoke as well as ventilating the cell block are to be installed with guidance on installation furnished by the local fire department.

The carpeting on the floor of the area just inside the sally port is to be removed and a finish known as "torginal" is to be applied.

Electrical outlets are to be installed in each cell thus doing away with all extension cords.

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WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program at this facility is an extremely successful program. Inmate earnings for the past year were \$19,587.28, which is more than double the 1976 figure, and \$4,060.00 was paid to the County for board, which is more than double the 1976 figure.

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FUTURE PLANS:

The renovating of the top floor of the old broom factory is the major plan at the present time.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 20, 1977

Piscataquis County Jail

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine

Frank H. Murch, Sheriff

Philip S. Annis, Chairman  
Franklin B. Titcomb, Commissioner  
Rodney W. Ross, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

PISCATAQUIS County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Jail Attendants (PT) 4

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Female:

Matrons (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) 0

Matrons (PT) 2

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 5.1

Female 0

Total 5.1

Juvenile

Male .001

Female 0

Total .001

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 368

Female 29

Total 397

Juvenile

Male 6

Female 1

Total 7

Total Sentenced:

Adult  
 Male 65  
 Female 2  
 Total 67

Juvenile  
 Male 9  
 Female 0  
 Total 9

Suicides:

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Escapes:

Adult  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

Juvenile  
 Male 0  
 Female 0  
 Total 0

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY JAIL - DOVER-FOXCROFT, MAINE

Built 1901

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is seventeen (17) adult males and four (4) adult females, juvenile females, juvenile males or any combination thereof for a total of twenty-one (21) inmates.

The new section of the facility was opened on October 27, 1977, and consists of four rooms to house inmates with dayroom space, three offices and a storage room. This addition gives the Sheriff the capability of housing females and juveniles. The Sheriff and the Commissioners are to be commended for their part in making this new section possible.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The Sheriff's wife prepares the meals for the inmates and they are fed the same food as the Sheriff and his family.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: Food is prepared in the kitchen of the Sheriff's quarters using the same facilities for the inmates as for the Sheriff and his family.

The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Sanitation (Food Related) of the County Jail Standards.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

Either sheets or a mattress cover should be provided each inmate.

The toilet bowls in the adult male section of the jail should be cleaned more often.

Remarks: The Sheriff has ordered new mattresses to replace the old ones. The ones on order are made of fire retardant material and are endorsed by the State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections.

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CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The practice of having the dispatcher act as the jail attendant should be discontinued. There should be a jail attendant in addition to the dispatcher on duty on each shift. This is a deficiency of long standing.

Remarks: There has been a second means of egress added to the adult male section of the jail.

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FEMALE AREA:

The only deficiency in this area might be the lack of proper matron coverage when there is a female incarcerated. Matron service is a must.

Remarks: The new female section is totally segregated from the rest of the jail.

This facility is cleared to accept female inmates.

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JUVENILE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The new juvenile section is a part of the female area but has the capability of total segregation from the adult females.

This facility is cleared to accept juvenile inmates.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: Control and discipline problems are very rare at this facility due to the small population.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

There is no full time doctor who makes regular scheduled visits to the jail.

Remarks: The response of the doctor when called is very good. In the event a doctor is not available the inmate is taken to the emergency room of the local hospital.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: There is no suitable visiting area at this jail. Visiting should be scheduled for more than one day per week.

Library: Books are available to the inmates.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: There is no secure outside exercise area.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: The lack of programs still exists in this jail.

Remarks: The space between the courthouse and the new section of the jail could be utilized as a visiting area without too much expense. It is very difficult to set up ongoing programs at this facility due largely to the small population and the short length of time that most inmates spend here.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

The installation of new security windows in the cell block was completed as a part of the overall renovation of the facility.

A new shower was installed in the adult section during the year.

A second means of egress was added to the main cell block this year.

The jail was to have been newly painted prior to the opening of the new section.

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WORK RELEASE:

During the past year inmate earnings were \$4,920.00 and \$960.00 was paid for board.

FUTURE PLANS:

None at this time.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 19, 1977

Somerset County Jail

Skowhegan, Maine

William T. Wright, Sheriff

Charles Carpenter, Chairman  
Merle L. Lloyd, Commissioner  
James MacMichael, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

SOMERSET County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 10

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) 0

Jail Attendants (PT) 20

Counselors (PT) 1

Other (PT) 0

Female:

Matrons (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Matrons (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 21

Female 0

Total 21

Juvenile

Male .1

Female 0

Total .1

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 926

Female 48

Total 974

Juvenile

Male 54

Female 5

Total 59

**Total Sentenced:**

Adult  
Male 204  
Female 6  
Total 210

Juvenile  
Male 0  
Female 0  
Total 0

**Suicides:**

Adult  
Male 0  
Female 0  
Total 0

Juvenile  
Male 0  
Female 0  
Total 0

**Deaths (other than Suicides):**

Adult  
Male 0  
Female 0  
Total 0

Juvenile  
Male 0  
Female 0  
Total 0

**Escapes:**

Adult  
Male 2 (climbed over the fence in the recreation yard)  
Female 0  
Total 2

Juvenile  
Male 0  
Female 0  
Total 0

SOMERSET COUNTY JAIL - SKOWHEGAN, MAINE

Built 1900

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "INADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is forty (40) adult males. Females and juveniles shall not be incarcerated at this jail.

Sheriff Wright assumed the office on January 1, 1977, after having been elected during the general election. The Sheriff has a very positive attitude toward the jail and the inmates and the smoothness of the operation of the jail attests to this.

On two different occasions the County has applied for funds through the Economic Development Act for the construction of a new facility and have been unsuccessful each time.

The County Commissioners purchased property adjacent to the former Women's Correctional Center in Skowhegan for the purpose of locating a new facility there but the funds were not forthcoming.

The Sheriff applied for a grant of \$115,000.00 for renovating the present jail, but that too has been held up.

If the major deficiencies are not corrected to meet the standards, there will be no alternative but to recommend the closing of the present facility.

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ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

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FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.



SANITATION (Food Related):

Inmate kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints when working with or around food.

Remarks: The food preparation area was neat and clean at the time of the inspection.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

There is only one toilet for the second floor cell area.

The showers could stand cleaning and painting.

There is no ventilating system in the cell blocks.

Remarks: The general housekeeping of the jail was greatly improved over past inspections.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The locking system, or lack of one, is a serious deficiency. The Sheriff will not lock inmates in their cells for fear that they might not be able to release them in a hurry if an emergency arose. (This is very serious.)

Remarks: It is very important that inside inspections be made at least every thirty minutes by the officer on duty and the results be entered in the jail log.

FEMALE AREA:

This facility is not cleared to incarcerate females.

JUVENILE AREA:

This facility is not cleared to incarcerate juveniles.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: During this past year, since Sheriff Wright has assumed office, there has not been any inmate complaints to the Bureau of Corrections whereas in the past complaints were quite numerous.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: A doctor makes two scheduled visits per week to the jail and responds at other times when called.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The practice of allowing visitors in the secure area of the jail still exists as there is no suitable area outside for visiting. This situation should be remedied.

Library: The library should be enlarged to allow for a wider range of reading material.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: The outside exercise area should be utilized more than it has been in the past.

Church Services: No deficiencies noted.

Programs: A wider range of programs should be offered at this facility.

Remarks: All classes of inmates are now allowed to take part in any activities offered at this jail. Counseling is available in the areas of drugs, alcohol, mental health, health and welfare and religion.

The GED program is available to those inmates who wish to take advantage of it.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

That portion of the facility that used to be utilized as the Sheriff's quarters is a wooden structure and is attached to the jail thus creating a serious fire hazard.

Plumbing pipes are exposed, thus becoming vulnerable to destructive inmates.

The second floor cells do not have toilet fixtures in them.

The showers are in poor condition.

The glass in the exterior windows of the cell block is for the most part plexi-glass and can easily be pushed out of the frame.

There are many coats of oil base paint built up on the walls; this presents a serious fire hazard.

There is no ventilation system in the block.

The cells are very small and are constructed of steel.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: There is an apparent overload on the electrical system as there are areas in the fuse box that are hot to touch thus indicating an overload.

The conduit pipes holding the wiring are exposed and could be torn from the walls and ceiling causing possible injury, death and/or fire plus expensive repairs.

The lights in the cells are not of the security type and are being torn from the ceiling quite regularly.

Fire Prevention: At the request of the Jail Inspector, a life safety inspection was conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and a copy of the report was forwarded to the County Commissioners. The report noted seven violations that were found at the time of the inspection.

Remarks: This facility has some serious deficiencies which need to be addressed at once.

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WORK RELEASE:

Since the present Sheriff assumed office, the Work Release Program has nearly tripled with inmate earnings of \$20,516.00 and \$5,315.00 being paid in for board for this year.

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FUTURE PLANS:

A new facility is foremost in the plans of the Commissioners and the Sheriff.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 11, 1977

Waldo County Jail

Belfast, Maine

Stanley Knox, Sheriff

Edward A. Kobs, Chairman  
Kenneth M. Murch, Commissioner  
Chester Grady, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

WALDO County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 4

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Jail Attendants (PT) 6

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Female:

Matrons (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (FT) \_\_\_\_\_

Matrons (PT) 6

Counselors (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (PT) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 12

Female 0+

Total 12+

Juvenile

Male 0+

Female 0+

Total 0+

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 717

Female 52

Total 769

Juvenile

Male 83

Female 15

Total 98

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 97

Female 1

Total 98

Juvenile

Male 1

Female 1

Total 2

Suicides:

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 0

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 0

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 2

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total 2

Juvenile

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

1 due to locking system in new jail.  
1 out through a hole in roof of old  
jail caused by a fire.

WALDO COUNTY JAIL - BELFAST, MAINE

Built 1976

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is ten (10) adult males and six (6) females, female juveniles or male juveniles, or any combination of the three, for a total of sixteen (16).

The new facility was opened for occupancy in January, 1977. The building is a single story structure with a basement. The jail and departmental office space is located on the first floor with the kitchen and an all purpose room in the basement; the balance of the basement is occupied by the Civil Emergency Preparedness Unit.

There were some major flaws in the construction, design and materials used which will be addressed in the following report.

The Sheriff and the County Commissioners are to be commended for realizing the need for a new jail and then making it become a reality.

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ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

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FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Food Service of the County Jail Standards.

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SANITATION (Food Related):

Inmate kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints when handling food.

Remarks: The food preparation area was in very good condition.

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SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: A janitor is employed to keep all areas except the inmate rooms clean.

Seventy-five percent of the mattresses in use at this facility are the type endorsed by the State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Corrections.

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CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The electric locks that were installed on the door in the security area were the electric striker type and proved to be very insecure. The inmates, by jiggling the doors, were able to force them open and walk right out of the security area into the departmental office area. The Sheriff had the locks removed and replaced with manually operated locks. The Bureau of Corrections was in full agreement with the Sheriff, and so stated in writing.

The dispatcher should not have to act as the jail attendant as is the case on the midnight to eight shift at this facility.

Remarks: The Sheriff has been able to man each shift other than the midnight shift with two officers.

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FEMALE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: When a female is incarcerated a matron is called in to supervise.

This facility is cleared to accept female inmates.

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JUVENILE AREA:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The new facility offers complete segregation from adult inmates.

This facility is cleared to accept juveniles, both male and female.

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INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

Problems in this area can be pretty much minimized with an officer assigned on each shift to the inside of the cell block.

Remarks: The control problems that were experienced shortly after the jail was opened were directly the fault of inferior equipment such as locks.

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INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The number of days per week that visiting is allowed should be increased.

Library: There is no library at this facility.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: No deficiencies noted.

Church Services: There is no regular scheduled church service.

Programs: There are very few, if any, scheduled programs at this jail.

Remarks: Counseling is available, if it is requested, in the areas of drugs, alcohol, mental health and religion.

The outside exercise area is utilized when weather permits.

The rooms open into a dayroom area where the inmates can congregate for card playing etc.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

The design of this facility allows for a number of blind spots in the security area.

Large cracks are appearing between the inside walls and the ceiling.

The penalgard glass used in the exterior windows can be and has been broken and the laminating material burned so that a hole can be made to the outside. The possibility of contraband being passed into the jail, and even weapons, is very real.

The plumbing shut off valves are located in the dayroom behind a flimsy steel panel and have been reached by inmates in the past.

The visiting room has no ventilation.

The kitchen, even though it is equipped with modern equipment, is the type usually found in a residence rather than an institution.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: No deficiencies noted.

Fire Prevention: A smoke detecting system was installed but it has not been operational since the opening of the facility.

Remarks: There are certainly lessons in what not to do in the building of a new facility to be learned from some of the things done at this jail.

WORK RELEASE:

Inmate earnings were \$700.00 and \$210.00 was paid to the County for board.

FUTURE PLANS:

None, at the present time.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 17, 1977

Washington County Jail

Machias, Maine

Reid Moholland, Sheriff

Theone Look, Chairperson  
Benjamin Humphries, Commissioner  
Charles F. Gillis, Commissioner

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/76-6/30/77

WASHINGTON County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 5

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Jail Attendants (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Female:

Matrons (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Matrons (PT) 5

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 6.8

Female .4

Total 7.2

Juvenile

Male .106

Female .019

Total .125

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 441

Female 19

Total 460

Juvenile

Male 46

Female 9

Total 55

Total Sentenced:

<u>Adult</u>	
Male	<u>99</u>
Female	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>103</u>

<u>Juvenile</u>	
Male	<u>20</u>
Female	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>30</u>

Suicides:

<u>Adult</u>	
Male	<u>0</u>
Female	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>0</u>

<u>Juvenile</u>	
Male	<u>0</u>
Female	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>0</u>

Deaths (other than Suicides):

<u>Adult</u>	
Male	<u>0</u>
Female	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>0</u>

<u>Juvenile</u>	
Male	<u>0</u>
Female	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>0</u>

Escapes:

<u>Adult</u>	
Male	<u>1</u> (walked out door)
Female	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>1</u>

<u>Juvenile</u>	
Male	<u>1</u> (ran from booking room)
Female	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>1</u>

WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL - MACHIAS, MAINE

Built 1826

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "TOTALLY INADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is twenty-two (22) adult males. Females and juveniles shall not be incarcerated at this jail.

During the past year, the Commissioners have on two different occasions applied for funds through the Economic Development Act to build a new facility, and have been rejected each time. The citizens of the County rejected a bond issue referendum for a new facility at a general election in 1976. So the situation is that the County does not have any money to construct a new jail and they have a facility on their hands that by no stretch of the imagination meets even the most minimum of standards, therefore, it is the recommendation of the Inspector that the jail be closed.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The department is in compliance with the standards set forth under Administration of the County Jail Standards.

FOOD SERVICE:

The Director of Nutrition Services for the Department of Mental Health and Corrections after studying the menu used at this jail termed it grossly inadequate nutritionally. It is deficient in protein, vitamins, minerals and calories.

The County Commissioners should employ the services of a paid Cook and a yearly budget for food should be utilized instead of so much per inmate per day for feeding.

Inmates should not be doing the actual preparation of the food; they may assist the Cook.

The practice of serving the same meal two times a day should be changed.

Remarks: The Director of Nutrition Services is available to the Sheriff to prepare a nutritional menu or assist in any way to rectify the serious deficiencies which exist in the area of Food Service.

SANITATION (Food Related):

All inmate kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints while working with or around food.

If more supervision over the kitchen help is not exercised in the care and maintenance of the nearly new kitchen equipment, it certainly will not last to become part of a new facility.

The general housekeeping in the food preparation area can be greatly improved.

Remarks: The kitchen had recently been painted.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The most serious deficiency in this area is the lack of toilet facilities and the necessity of the inmates having to resort to using the old fashioned "slop bucket" for relieving themselves during the hours that they are locked up.

The general housekeeping in the cell block continues to be below average. Jail personnel must exercise strict supervision over cleaning details.

There is no plan for the eradication of pests and vermin in the event the jail should become infested.

The inside of the toilet bowls shall be scrubbed and disinfected every day.

There is no ventilation system in the cell block.

The local health officer should be contacted to conduct sanitation inspections of the jail on a regular basis.

The entire jail should be freshly painted.

Remarks: The jail being over one hundred and fifty years old is no excuse for some of the existing deficiencies in sanitation.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The practice of the officer on duty taking the key to the door entering the cell block inside with him is very dangerous and should be discontinued at once.

In view of a recent escape of inmates through the roof, it is quite obvious that complete and periodic checks of the cell block were not being made. At least seventy-five per cent of the shift should be spent inside the block to safeguard against such incidents.

A jail log, pertaining only to the jail, shall be kept and utilized by each shift.

All unoccupied cells and rooms shall be locked.

Remarks: The stationing of an officer, other than the dispatcher, on each shift to supervise the jail is a step in the right direction.

In view of past escapes, attempted escapes and other incidents within the jail, it is recommended that the security procedures be reviewed and revised.

FEMALE AREA:

The room used for the incarceration of females is not suitable.

There is only one entrance and exit and this is through the adult male section.

Matron service is practically non-existent at this facility.

Remarks: Female inmates shall no longer be incarcerated at this facility.

JUVENILE AREA:

The present juvenile area has only one entrance and exit and this is through the adult male section.

Remarks: Juveniles shall no longer be incarcerated at this facility.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

A copy of the rules and regulations for inmates shall be given to and explained to each new inmate when he enters the jail. This is the only way the inmate knows what is expected of him and what he can expect from the staff.

Remarks: Control and discipline problems generally are few with the presence of an officer in the cell block to supervise the inmates.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No deficiencies noted.

Remarks: The doctor calls at the jail three or four times a week even though he is not hired on a full time basis. His response is excellent when called.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: There is no suitable area at this jail where visiting can be held from the standpoint of security, privacy and comfort.

Visiting should be scheduled for more than one day a week.

Library: There is no library as such. There are a small number of books available to the inmates.



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Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: The lack of an outdoor exercise area is the most serious deficiency in this area.

Church Services: There are no regular church services at this jail.

Programs: There are no set programs at this facility.

Remarks: The usual TV, table games and radios are the extent of recreation at this jail.

If an inmate requests it, he may be allowed to attend a local A.A. meeting.

Counseling is available upon request in the areas of alcohol, mental health, health and welfare, and religion.

Local civic organizations and service clubs are a good source of volunteers to conduct programs in the jail.

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PHYSICAL PLANT:

This building has many deficiencies but this report will mention only a few of the major ones.

The lack of plumbing in the cells is certainly one deficiency that results in a very unsanitary condition.

There are two exits from the cell block but they are both in the same end of the jail.

What plumbing there is in the jail is exposed and could be torn from the walls causing very expensive destruction.

The cells are very small and resemble a dungeon in appearance.

The catwalks along the tiers of cells have wooden floors with many coats of oil base paint which is a definite fire hazard. The protective railing along the outside of the walk offers very little protection against someone, either inmate or officer, being pushed, thrown or falling from the walk to the cement floor below.

The ceiling in the jail is constructed of plaster and wooden laths which is not only a fire hazard but a very bad security risk. There have been at least two attempts of escape through the ceiling, one of which was successful.

The electrical conduit piping can easily be torn from the wall, not only causing damage but presents the possibility of electrocution and fire. The wiring is very old and dangerous. Most of the lights in the cells have been torn from the wall or ceiling. Light bulbs are exposed and could become weapons.

Layer after layer of paint has been built up throughout the block causing a fire hazard.

There are areas along the outside walls where it appears the roof has been leaking.

The above are some of the major problems that presently exist.

Fire Prevention: At the request of the Jail Inspector, a life safety inspection was conducted by the office of the State Fire Marshal. A copy of the report was forwarded to the Commissioners.

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WORK RELEASE:

There is no Work Release Program at this facility.

YORK COUNTY JAIL - ALFRED, MAINE

During the past year the many differences and problems that had been holding up the construction of a new facility for the past four years were finally resolved. Bids for a new jail were opened on August 31, 1977, and construction got underway on September 6, 1977. The tentative completion date is November 1978. To date, the construction is right on schedule.

The County will still be under a heavy financial burden for at least another year as far as the boarding and transporting of inmates is concerned. During the 1976-1977 fiscal year, the County paid out \$145,530.00 for the boarding of inmates at Cumberland County Jail.

COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

October 21, 1977

York County Jail

Alfred, Maine

Richard Dutremble, Sheriff

Paul E. Reny, Chairman  
Guy A. Marcotte, Commissioner  
J. Peter Dennett, Commissioner