



***KENTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER
2024 ANNUAL REPORT***



Marc L. Fields, Kenton County Jailer



Jailer's Message

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Kenton County Jailer and to present our annual report for 2024. This report will highlight the operations of each section within the Detention Center and recognize individual accomplishments.

One major concern remains the health condition of the inmate population. Medical and Mental Health issues among inmates have increased year after year. In 2023, we entered into a new medical contract that allowed us to address these issues more effectively. We continue to witness the consequences of years of substance abuse within our inmate population. Interestingly, we have seen an increase in our services, even though our intake numbers and daily population have decreased.

2023 vs 2024

- Detox Screenings increased from 3,013 to 4,914 (+63%)
- Nurse Sick Calls increased from 10,970 to 12,228 (+11.5%)
- Doctor Sick Calls increased from 942 to 1,584 (+68.2%)
- Suicide Assessments increased from 1,063 to 1,185 (+11.5%)
- Mental Health Assessments increased from 2,185 to 2,340 (+7.1%)
- 202A Mental Health Involuntary Evaluations from 12 to 27 (+125%)

However, the good news is, with our new medical staff we were able to provide this service resulting in a decrease in the following;

- Emergency Room Visits from 183 to 137 (-25.6%)
- Outpatient Appointments from 452 to 317 (-29.7%)

Medical and mental health issues are, and will continue to be, paramount concerns that demand our attention and action now and in the future.

I take pride in the dedicated men and women of our department, who work tirelessly each day to fulfill the mission of the Kenton County Detention Center.

Mission Statement

“The Kenton County Jailer and Deputies strive to make the Jail a Community Institution, in which we exercise fiscal responsibility, reasonable conditions of confinement, service to the people, and an unwavering commitment to Public Safety.”

COMMAND STAFF



Colonel Todd Rice
Chief of Administration



Colonel Trey Smith
Chief of Operations



Major Bob Dietz
Operations Commander



Lt. John Spang
Investigations



Lt. Jimmy Browning
Facilities



Lt. Michael Kleier
Support Sevices, Admin.



Lt. Michael Carman
Mid Watch



Lt. Jeremy Stephenson
Late Watch



Lt. Terri Robinson
Booking



Lt. Sam Harpold
Day Watch

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INMATE POPULATION

The Kenton County Detention Center is designated by the Kentucky Department of Corrections as a 602 bed facility. The number of inmates lodged and detained at KCDC is somewhat of an uncontrollable factor that is in a state of constant change. The average monthly population was 597 in 2022, 583 in 2023, and 565 in 2024. The total number of inmates booked in to the detention center was 7,263 in 2022, 6,958 in 2023, and 6,932 in 2024. The efforts of the Population Coordinator and Classification Officer helps to maintain inmate population levels by transferring inmates from the Detention Center into recovery programs, home incarceration, medical facilities, or other correctional facilities.

POPULATION COORDINATOR – PAUL DIERIG

The focus of the Population Coordinator is to reduce the jail population by identifying inmates to the court that can be safely released through alternative sentencing placement. Some of the sentencing alternatives include release to treatment programs, medical facilities and the Home Incarceration Program. The Population Coordinator works closely with Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys and community-based partners to develop strategies which meet the needs of the inmate. Paul Dierig serves as the Population Coordinator.

During 2024, 513 inmates were released through alternative placement. Some of the available resources include:

- Mental Health Court
- The Life Learning Center
- North Key
- Outpatient Recovery/Treatment
- Residential Recovery/Treatment
- Drug Court
- Home Incarceration
- Medical Facilities
- Veteran Court Services

CLASSIFICATION OFFICER - SGT. JIMMY SMITH

Inmate classifications are based on an assessment of the age, sex, criminal history, charges, medical issues, and prior institutional history of inmate. The classification is designed to address the risk factors and needs of individual inmates. The Classification Officer is responsible for inmate movement inside the jail. This includes dorm assignments, isolation restrictions, and assignment to programs. In an effort to control inmate population the Classification Officer coordinates with other county and state detention facilities to reduce our population by transferring state sentenced inmates to state facilities and to other county detention facilities.

INMATE POPULATION

In 2024, 435 inmates were shipped to outside facilities, 53 of which were shipped to Department of Correction facilities.

In addition, the Classification officer is tasked with managing the work programs offered to both male and female inmates. Only inmates with the proper classification are eligible to participate in work programs. There were 18 male inmates and 39 female inmates participating in work programs during 2024, this number can fluctuate from time to time. Currently, we have 5 male Class D inmates that work outside the facility for the county and different municipalities in Kenton County. During the spring and summer months, we have male inmates working outside the facility providing park maintenance, garbage pickup, as well as other public works projects. There are 13 male inmates that provide custodial services to our facility. The Nutrition Department has 32 female inmates working in the kitchen, 2 providing dorm maintenance, 4 in the laundry department and 1 in the commissary department. Sergeant Jimmy Smith serves as the Classification Officer.

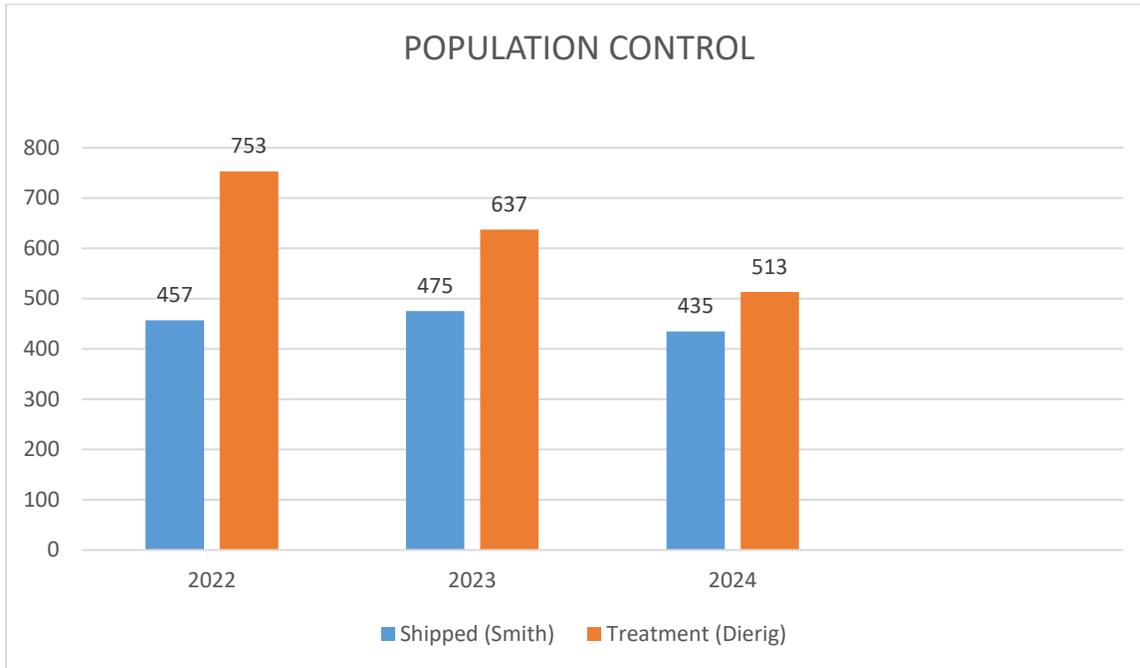


Sergeant Jimmy Smith
Classification Officer

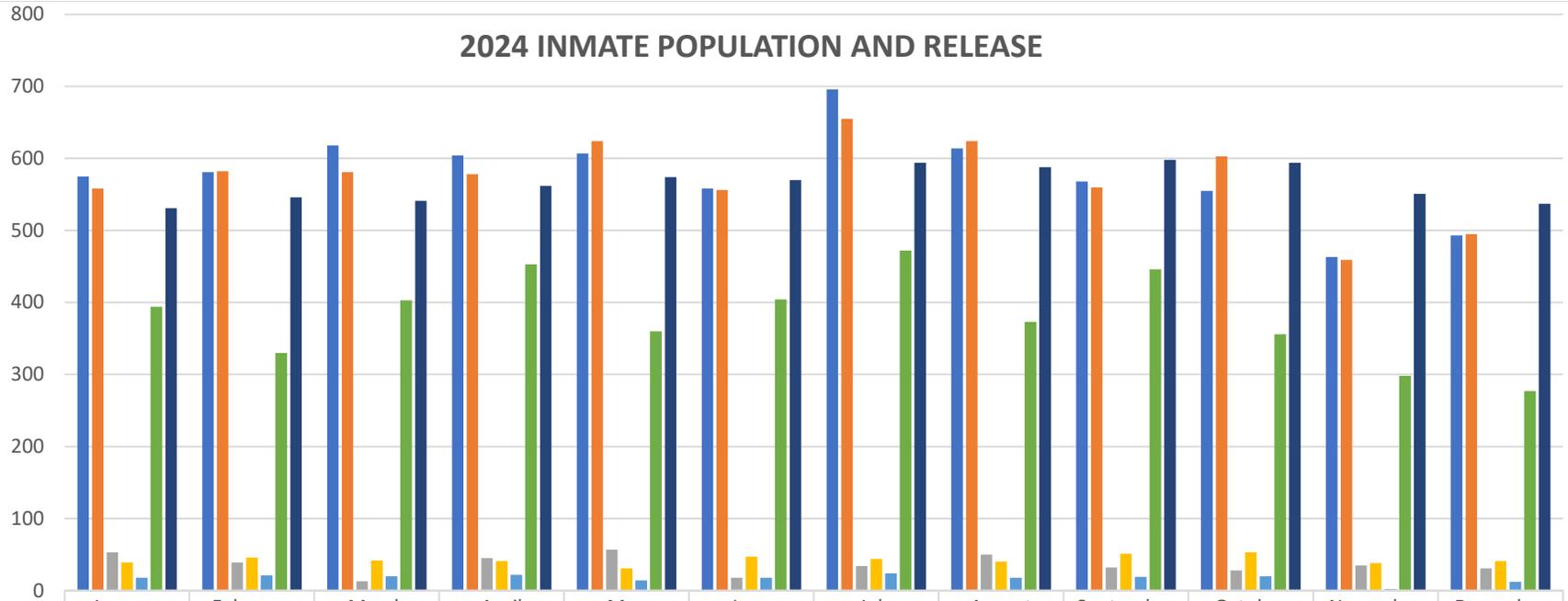


Paul Dierig
Population Coordinator

INMATE POPULATION

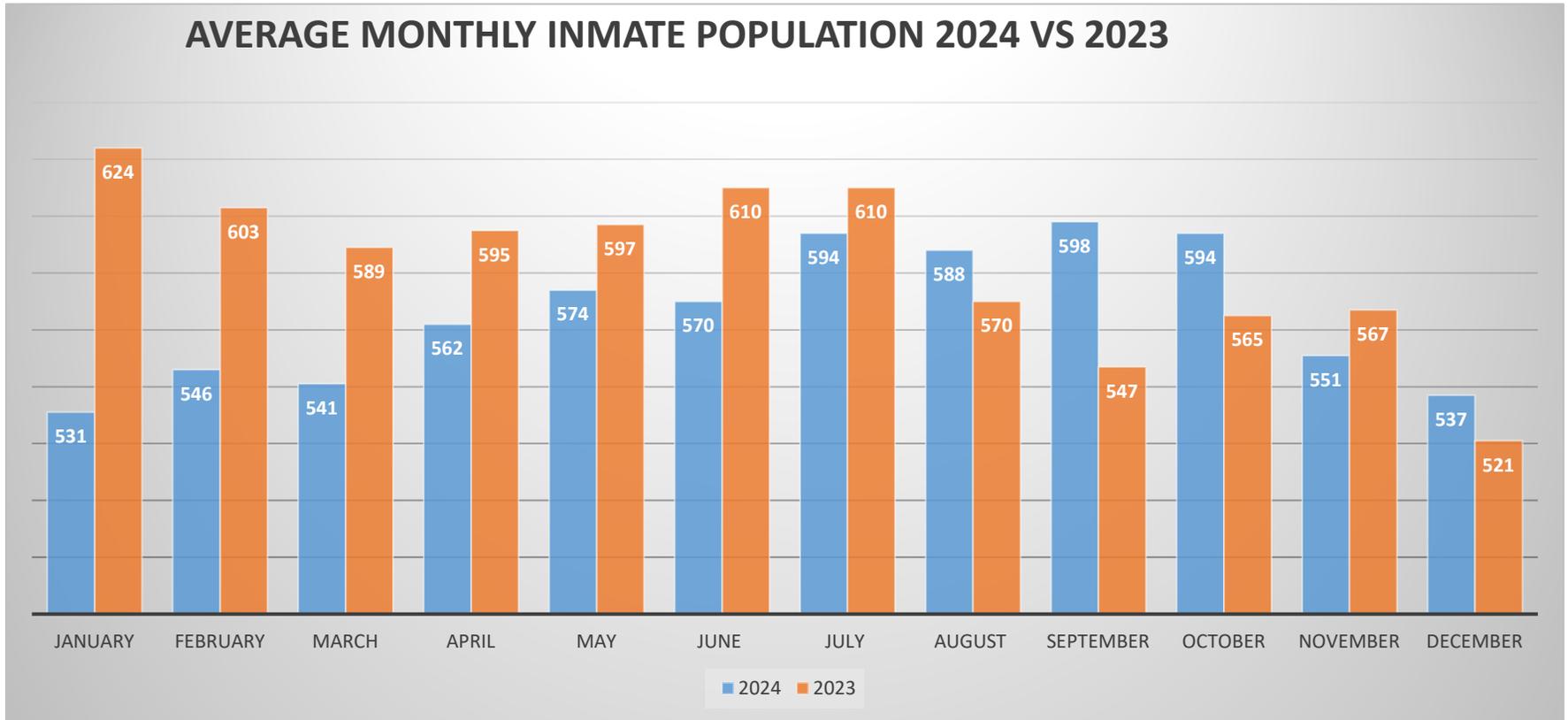


2024 INMATE POPULATION AND RELEASE



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
■ Booked	575	581	618	604	607	558	696	614	568	555	463	493
■ Released	558	582	581	578	624	556	655	624	560	603	459	495
■ Shipped	53	39	13	45	57	18	34	50	32	28	35	31
■ Rel. Treatment	39	46	42	41	31	47	44	40	51	53	38	41
■ HIP	18	21	20	22	14	18	24	18	19	20	2	12
■ Trans Court	394	330	403	453	360	404	472	373	446	356	298	277
■ Avg. Pop.	531	546	541	562	574	570	594	588	598	594	551	537

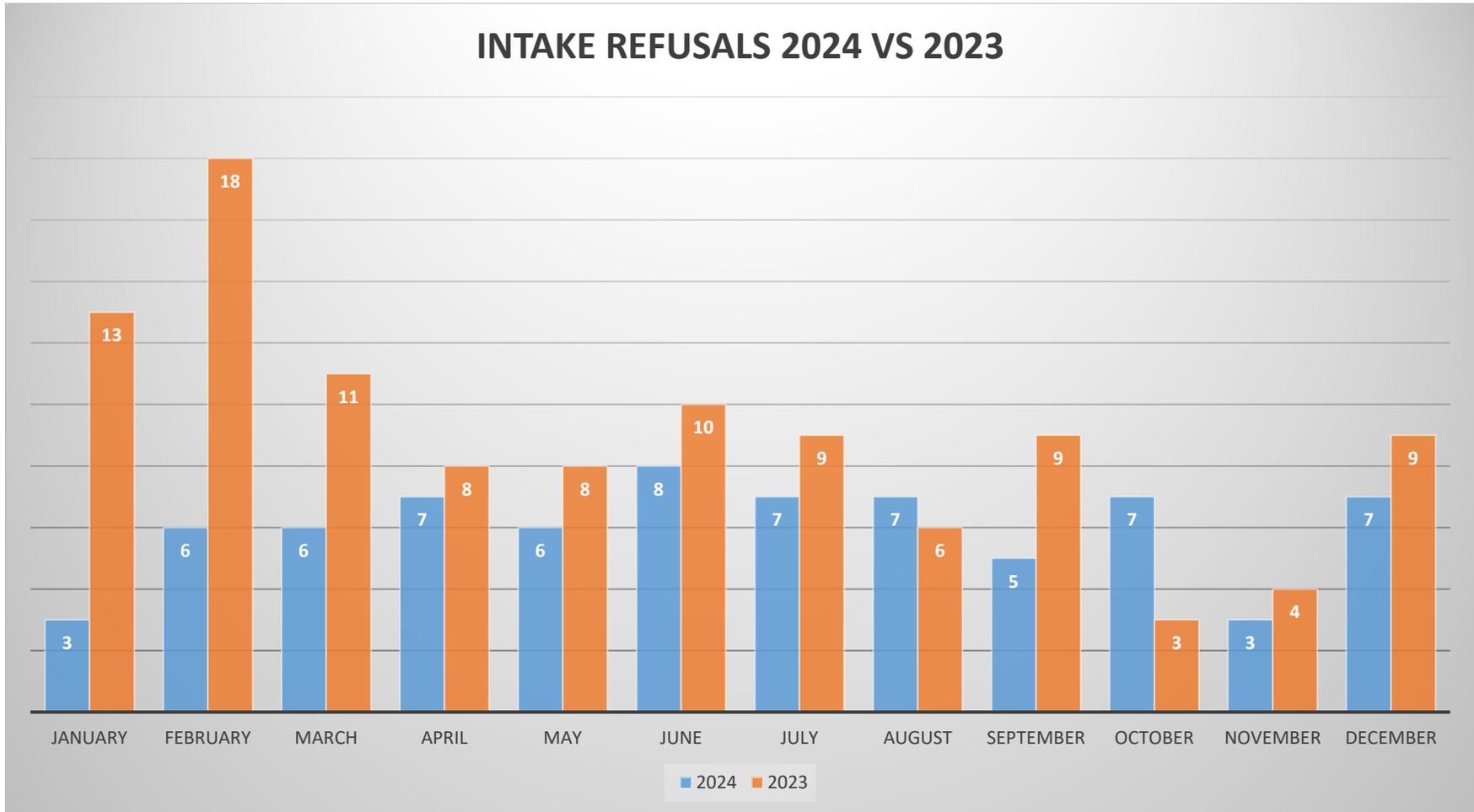
AVERAGE MONTHLY INMATE POPULATION 2024 VS 2023



The average monthly Inmate population for 2024 was 565 – total bookings 6932

The average monthly Inmate population for 2023 was 583 – total booking 6958

INTAKE REFUSALS 2024 VS 2023



Total Intake Refusals for 2024 – 72

Total Intake Refusals for 2023 – 108

Intake Refusals occur when arrestees are presented to the detention center for lodging and are refused by our medical staff until they are medically cleared at a healthcare facility. The arresting officer is responsible for having the arrestee cleared at the hospital and then returned for lodging. Upon returning to the detention center, the arrestee is reevaluated by our medical staff before being accepted.

KENTON COUNTY ARRESTING AGENCIES

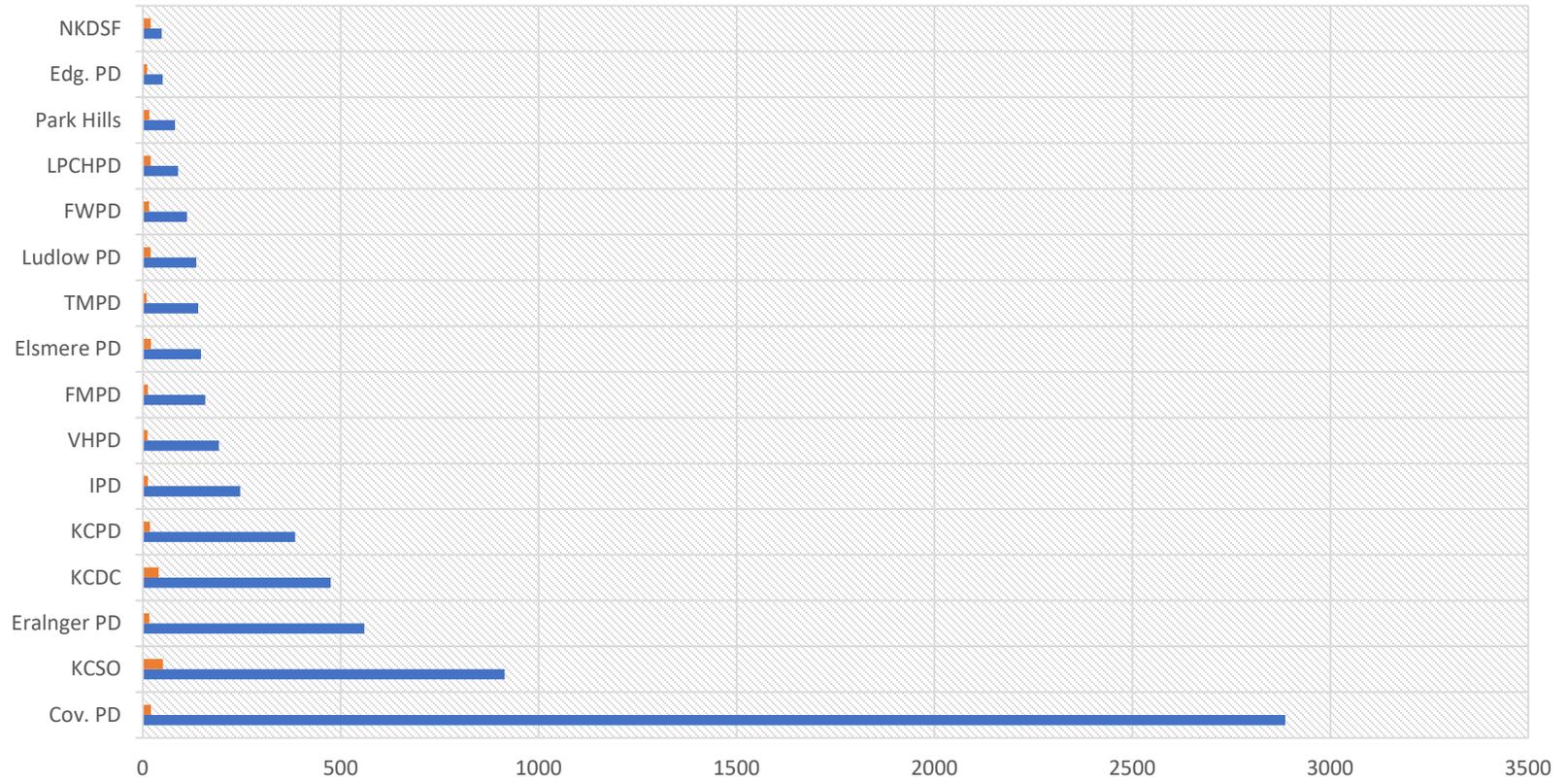
The attached chart labeled Kenton County Arresting Agencies contains arrest data of the 14 police agencies in Kenton County as well as the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force and Kenton County Detention Center. Kenton County agencies arrested 6618 of the 6932 inmates lodged during 2024. The remaining 314 inmates were lodged by agencies outside Kenton County. Kenton County Detention center numbers include arrests made during court proceedings, HIP arrests, walk-in surrenders, and other various arrests. There were 90 re-bookings that were not calculated in this number. Re-books occur when an inmate is removed from the Detention Center for various reasons such as court appearances in other counties, etc. Upon return to KCDC they must be re-booked.

The chart on the following page depicts the number of arrests and the average number of days the arrestees were incarcerated for the following departments:

Cov. PD – Covington Police Department
KCSO – Kenton County Sheriff's Office
Erlanger PD – Erlanger Police Department
KCDC – Kenton County Detention Center
KCPD – Kenton County Police Department
IPD – Independence Police Department
VHPD – Villa Hills Police Department
FMPD – Fort Mitchell Police Department
Elsmere PD – Elsmere Police Department
TMPD – Taylor Mill Police Department
Ludlow PD – Ludlow Police Department
FWPD – Fort Wright Police Department
LPCHPD – Lakeside Park Crestview Hills Police Department
Park Hills – Park Hills Police Department
Edg. PD – Edgewood Police Department
NKDSF – Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force

ARRESTING AGENCIES CHART

KENTON COUNTY ARRESTING AGENCIES



	Cov. PD	KCSO	Eralnger PD	KCDC	KCPD	IPD	VHPD	FMPD	Elsmere PD	TMPD	Ludlow PD	FWPD	LPCHPD	Park Hills	Edg. PD	NKDSF
■ Average Days Detained	20.17	50.58	16.45	40.27	18.17	12.84	12.15	12.96	20.18	9.66	19.76	16.08	19.97	16.94	11.3	19.76
■ Number of Arrests	2886	914	560	475	385	246	192	158	147	140	135	112	89	81	50	48

■ Average Days Detained ■ Number of Arrests

MEDICAL TREATMENT OVERVIEW

MEDICAL TREATMENT WITHIN THE FACILITY:

Intake Screening	Detox Assessments	Blood Pressure Assessments
5,820	4,914	4,240

Blood Sugar Assessments	Nurse Sick Call	Provider Sick Call
6,843	12,228	1,584

Mental Health Assessments	Suicide Assessments	202A Evaluations
2,340	1,185	27

OUTSIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT/ER:

Emergency Room	Outpatient Appointments
137	317

KRS 202A.026 - CRITERIA FOR INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION.

No person shall be involuntarily hospitalized unless such person is mentally ill: (1) who presents a danger or threat of danger to self, family, or others as a result of the mental illness; (2) who can reasonably benefit from the treatment; (3) and for whom the hospitalization is the least restrictive alternative mode of treatment presently available.

Our Medical Unit is staffed by 1 Medical Team Administrator, 1 Assistant Medical Team Administrator, 1 Psychologist, 6 Registered Nurses, 6 Licensed Practical Nurses, 4 Medical technicians and 1 Clerk.



Shawnee Ray
Medical Team Administrator



Whitney Price
Asst. Medical Team Admin.

HOME INCARCERATION PROGRAM

The Home Incarceration Program (HIP) is an alternative sentencing program in which arrestees are court ordered to be confined in their home rather than jail. HIP is facilitated by means of electronic monitoring. Offenders released through HIP must wear an ankle monitor that tracks their location through GPS tracking. Conditions of home incarceration are prescribe by Kentucky Revised Statute and the terms of release are ordered by the sentencing judge. Violating the terms of HIP may subject the offender to prosecution for escape or other criminal charges. There are 5 levels of HIP that can be ordered by the sentencing judge. In addition, drug testing can be ordered by the court.

Level 1 – GPS monitoring only. No conditions or restrictions imposed, tracking only.

Level 2 – GPS monitoring with stipulations imposed that the offender must remain at his/her residence during specified hours.

Level 3 – GPS monitoring, offender is restricted to his/her residence with the exception of legal, medical and counseling appointments, and job search appointments. The offender may attend church. Job search appointments are restricted to 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays unless otherwise specified.

Level 4- GPS monitoring with restriction to his/her residence, exceptions include legal, medical, or court ordered counseling appointments. Offender is not afforded employment or job search privileges.

Level 5- GPS monitoring. Offender is restricted to his/her residence and is not permitted to leave except for medical reasons or court/legal appearances.

During 2024, 547 arrestees were monitored by HIP. Home incarceration is a cost savings measure that protects citizens, reduces the jail population, and provides low risk offenders an opportunity to maintain and support their personal life while serving their sentence. Level 3 is the most prevalent level of sentencing imposed. Arrestees placed on HIP pay a daily fee for the service. The fee is assessed on a sliding scale that is based on the arrestee's ability to pay.

The Home Incarceration program is staffed by Sgt. Alexander Kelly, two full time civilian staff, and nine part time civilian staff members.



Sgt. Alexander Kelly
Home Incarceration Supervisor

2024 STAFFING LEVEL

Recruitment, hiring and retention continued to be a priority during 2024. At the close of 2023, the Detention Center employed a staff of 132. Of the 132 employees, 90 were Deputies (an increase of 5 from the previous year), and 42 were civilian employees. We ended 2024 with 140 total employees of which 102 were Deputies and 38 were civilian employees. Deputy Jailer staff increased by 12, this is the highest level of Deputies since prior to 2020. In depth pre-employment screening has enabled us to hire the most qualified candidates. Competitive salary, good benefits, employee incentives and a great working environment has been instrumental in retaining good employees.

102 DEPUTIES

Chief Deputy Todd Rice - Administration

Chief Deputy Trey Smith – Operations

Major Bob Dietz - Operations Commander

7 – Lieutenants – 3 Shift, 1 Booking, 1 Facilities, 1 Administration, 1 Investigations

12 – Sergeants – 7 Shift, 1 Training, 1 Court Team, 2 HIP, 1 Inmate Classification

73 – Full Time Deputies – Shift, Medical, Court Team, Lobby, Property Room, Janitorial

6 – Part Time Deputies - Shift

1 – Full Time Deputy that serves as the JSAP Assistant Program Coordinator

HOME INCARCERATION PROGRAM (HIP)

2 – Assigned Sergeants

11 – Part Time Civilian Employees

JAIL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (JSAP)

1 – Director

1 – Assistant Director – Assigned Deputy

5 – Civilian Employees

2024 STAFFING LEVEL

BOOKING

1 – Lieutenant

10 – Civilian Employees

NUTRITION (KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY)

1 – Civilian Kitchen Manager

3 – Civilian Employees

ADMINISTRATION (ALL CIVILIAN STAFF)

1 – Office Manager

1 – Human Resources Generalist

1 – Accounts and Grants Coordinator

1 – Administrative Secretary

1 – Population Coordinator

1 – Inmate Services Director

1 – Part Time Special Projects Coordinator

ANNUAL TRAINING

The Department of Corrections (DOC) mandates that each sworn deputy must successfully complete a minimum of 24 annual in-service training hours. Deputies assigned to the Tactical Response Team and Search Response Unit must complete a minimum of an additional 16 hours of specialized training. Newly hired deputies are required to complete a minimum of 160 hours of training within the first year of employment. Much of the DOC mandated training is available through an online resource which is tracked through Crim.Cast. A total of **13,671.5** training hours were recorded during 2024, this number includes academy, field training, in-house, online and conference hours of training.

TRAINING PROVIDED BY OUTSIDE RESOURCES

Women in Command	32 hours	Situational Leadership	28 hours
Glock Armorer	16 hours	KWLEN Training	60 hours
2024 ILETTA Conference	80 hours	TASER Instructor	32 hours
Jail Officer Certification	1.5 hours	DT/Glove Instructor	16 hours
Mental health and First Aid	16 hours	WRAP Training	16 Hours
RAD Instructor	66 hours	Body Worn Camera	40 hours
Basic Supervisor Workshop	72 hours	Recruiting and Retention	16 hours
FEMA IS 700.B	7 hours	AJA Conference	64 hours
MRT Trauma Certification	21 hours	Basic Investigations	16 hours
MRT Portal	18 hours	NJLCA Leadership Academy	40 hours
Active Shooter (court house)	24 hours	CTS GLOVE DT	16 hours
Cannabis update	12 hours	MRT Peer Training	8 hours
Sergeant Training	160 hours	DOC Addiction Services	12 hours
GLOVE Instructor Cert.	20 hours	Summer KJA Conference	46 hours
Fall KJA Conference	90 hours		

TOTAL – 1045.5 hours

IN HOUSE TRAINING

OC Spray	60 hours	POST Order Review	9.5 hours
CPS Sensor Training	19 hours	TEK 84 Body Scanner	82 hours
Sexual Harassment Online	21 hours	Firearms Annual Qualification	110 hours
Firearms TRT Transition 9MM	34 hours	Firearms Initial Qualification	26 hours
SRU Training	338.5 hours	TRT Training	742 hours
TRT Range Training	76 hours	SHOCK Glove/E Band	180 hours
First Aid/CPR/Narcan	376 hours	Range Instructor updates	40 hours
FTO Training (in house)	18 hours	FTO Training (Butler Tech)	144 hours
Basic Training Academy 58	720 hours	Basic Training Academy 59	840 hours
Field Training (34 Deputies)	5336 hours	Basic Training Remedial	56 hours
DOC Mandated Online Training	3053 hours	Kenton County Security	163 hours
CJIS Updates	182 hours		

TOTAL – 12,626 HOURS

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FIELD TRAINING

The Field Training Program is one of the most critical aspects of hiring and retaining qualified staff. Each newly hired deputy is assigned to a Field Training Officer (FTO). The FTO is a highly motivated and skilled deputy that provides training, mentoring, and shares his/her personal insight and experiences. Each FTO is required to attend a 24 block of training provided by Butler Tech. Nine additional Deputies were trained to perform the role of FTO in 2024. The progress of the newly hired deputy is evaluated daily and the deputy must attain acceptable ratings in all of the areas of performance prior to being released from the program and retained for employment. During 2024, our FTO's provided 5,336 hours of training, 34 newly hired deputies completed the program.

DEPUTY JAILER TRAINING ACADEMY

Basic Training Academies are designed to provide newly hired Deputies the basic knowledge and skills required to perform their daily duties. The academy classes are instructed by senior deputies and staff with areas of expertise pertinent to the curriculum. Academy classes are scheduled when enough newly hired deputies are hired to make the class practical but must complete the academy within the first year of employment. Prior to attending the academy, deputies may be scheduled for training days to complete part of the academy curriculum. This practice can shorten the length of the academy. Deputies are required to successfully complete the Training Academy and the Field Training Program to be retained for employment.

There were two Basic Training Academies during 2024. Academy Class 58 graduated 6 deputies and Academy Class 59 graduated 7 deputies for a total of 13 deputies. A total of 1,560 hours of training was presented.



Basic Training Academy Class 58. L to R – Deputy Kourouma, Deputy Cooper, Deputy Moore, Deputy Musick, Deputy Sper, Deputy Hicks.

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Basic Training Academy Class 59. L to R – Deputy Hudson, Deputy Dancer, Deputy Dancer, Deputy Niccum, Deputy Pompillio, Deputy Moore, Deputy Chumley.



Kentucky Jailers Association Fall Conference

L to R – Lt. Jeremy Stephenson, Lt. Terri Robinson, Lt. Michael Kleier, Lt. Jimmy Browning, Jailer Marc Fields, Col. Trey Smith, Lt. Jon Spang, Lt. Sam Harpold, Major Bob Dietz, Kenton County Judge Executive Kris Knochemann.

ANNUAL TRAINING

Sgt. Billie Jo Kiser is tasked with managing the Training Division of the Kenton County Detention Center. Assigning, coordinating and tracking the training of 140 employees is a difficult task that requires great organizational skills. Sgt. Kiser must ensure that all training requirements are met for the entire jail staff as well as schedule outside trainings and conferences. In addition, Sgt. Kiser coordinates recruiting events, manages the hiring process of all new employees and coordinates community events.



PROMOTIONS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

PROMOTIONS



Captain Trey Smith was promoted the Rank of Colonel on July 10, 2024. Colonel Smith serves as the Chief Deputy of Operations. Colonel Smith rose through the ranks and has served the citizens of Kenton County since 2008.



Deputy Nia Slaughter was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 29, 2024. Sergeant Slaughter has served the citizens of Kenton County since 2021. Sergeant Slaughter serves as a Day Watch Shift Supervisor.



Deputy Jared Capps was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on May 3, 2024. Sergeant Capps has served the citizens of Kenton County since 2022. Sergeant Capps serves as a Mid Watch Shift Supervisor.

PROMOTIONS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS



Deputy James Smith was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on July 10, 2024. Sergeant Smith has served the citizens of Kenton County since 2009. Sergeant Smith serves as the Classification Officer.



Deputy Glenna Knight was promoted to the rank of Sergeant ON July 17, 2024. Sergeant Knight has served the citizens of Kenton County since 2019. Sergeant Knight serves as a Day Watch Shift Supervisor.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Deputies are given special assignments based on their interest and abilities to perform tasks outside their normal duties. Special assignments carry additional duties and responsibilities that are critical to the safety and success of the organization. Assignment to the Search Response Unit requires an application and interview process. Assignment to the Tactical Response Unit requires an application, interview and testing process. Prospective Field Training Officers are identified by their supervisors and staff members. To be assigned a Field Training Officer a deputy must display the interest in teaching new deputies and have personally developed above average knowledge, skills and proven dedication to the profession. Only the most qualified deputies are given special assignments.

Deputy Evan Thamann - Search Response Unit – March 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Katelyn Henry - March – Search Response Unit – March 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Kristin Owens - March – Search Response Unit – March 2024 – Day Watch

PROMOTIONS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Deputy Elizabeth Musick – Search Response Unit – December 2024- Late Watch

Deputy Tyler Hammons – Tactical Response Team – April 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Evan Thamann – Field Training Officer – April 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Katelyn Henry – Field Training Officer – June 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Mason Elliot – Field Training Officer – June 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Matthew Moore – Field Training Officer – June 2024 – Late Watch

Deputy Hunter Elder – Field Training Officer – October 2024 – Day Watch

Deputy Chase Vossmeier – Field Training Officer – November 2024 – Mid Watch

Deputy Elizabeth Musick – Field Training Officer – November 2024 – Late Watch

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

COMMENDATIONS

Deputy Katherine Wells - 1/10/24, Deputy Wells conducted a search of inmate's property and prevented a significant amount of potentially deadly contraband from being introduced into another part of the facility. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Adam Oglesbee - 1/12/24, Deputy Oglesbee was vigilant during feeding in isolation and stopped an inmate from introducing potentially lethal drugs into another part of the isolation unit. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Alex Postlewait - Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin for implementing morale boosting services (inmate programming, staff dining and event catering) which makes KCDC a better work environment for all staffing.

Deputy Tatiana Ellis - 2/04/24, Deputy Ellis observed an inmate acting odd. She reported to his bed area and observed the inmate attempting to conceal illegal drugs (Methamphetamine and Fentanyl). Deputy Ellis was able to call for back up and take possession of said contraband. Received a Letter of Commendation and Challenge Coin.

Deputy Jared Capps - 2/05/24, Deputy Capps observed an inmate slumped over in Cell B6. Deputy Capps immediately entered the cell and observed 2 Suboxone strips lying beside the inmate. He immediately took control of said contraband therefore stopping the further introduction of illegal drugs into the facility. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Katherine Wells - 8/15/24, Deputy Wells was vigilant during an escort of several inmates to the booking area to be scanned during an investigation. Deputy Wells noticed an inmate continuously messing with his uniform and then ultimately removing something from his waistband. She immediately approached said inmate and retrieved contraband that was reported as part of the initial investigation. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Ashley Music - 8/23/24, Deputy Music conducted an initial intake search when she located a sizable amount of contraband that an inmate was trying to introduce into the facility. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Kristin Johnson - 8/24/24, Deputy Johnson conducted an initial intake search requiring the inmate to remove his prosthetic leg where the inmate was concealing a deadly amount of contraband (Fentanyl). Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Katelyn Henry - 09/07/24, Deputy Henry conducted an initial intake search on an inmate and discovered that the inmate was concealing contraband (suspected fentanyl) in his mouth. Received a Letter of Commendation.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Deputy Cerena Snow- 10/6/24, Deputy Snow was posted in Booking when she was searching property of a new intake. She was able to locate a sizable amount of contraband that the inmate was attempting to conceal. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Adam Oglesbee - 9/13/24, Deputy Oglesbee was assisting an investigation in Dorm 102 when he eventually needed to conduct a strip search of an inmate. Said inmate attempted to further conceal contraband during the search, however, Deputy Oglesbee was able to maintain control of said inmate and recover 3 bindles of white powdery substance. This resulted in additional charges being filed against the inmate. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Sgt. Jared Testerman – 9/7/24, Sgt. Testerman observed an abnormality on the body scanner of an inmate who had been found to be in possession of potentially dangerous drugs. He initiated a strip search and was able to retrieve additional contraband which then led to the inmate being charged with Trafficking. Sgt. Testerman had to work closely with outside agencies to provide evidence and maintained his professionalism throughout. Received a Letter of Commendation and Challenge Coin.

Deputy Sabrina Williams – 11/14/24, Deputy Williams was assigned to female isolation. Deputy Williams observed an inmate in possession of an extra pair of uniform pants. The inmate was instructed the inmate to remove and surrender the clothing. Williams located a substantial amount of contraband concealed in the pants which she immediately secured. Additional charges were filed against the inmate. Deputy Williams vigilance and quick actions prevented this contraband from being introduced to the facility. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Challenge Coin.

Deputy Matthew Moore – 11/18/24, Deputy Moore was assigned to intake. While performing a search of a prisoner who was being booked, Moore located contraband in the leg of the prisoner's pants. The contraband was turned over to the arresting Officer. Attention to detail and a thorough search prevented the contraband from entering the secured area of the facility. Received a Letter of Commendation.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RECOGNITION

On August 9, 2024 Sgt. Jared Capps and Deputy Kristin Wehrer provided testimony during a deposition related to pending civil litigation. Assistant Kenton County Attorney Chris Nordloh noted the exceptional job both Deputies did during these depositions. Jailer Fields and the Administrative staff commended these fine Deputies for their professionalism and attention to detail in providing their testimony.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

The Attendance Incentive Program for 2024 proved to be very successful. This program is tracked from November 30 of the previous year to December 1 of the current year. Employees that work 2,080 hours and military employees that work 1,912 hours are eligible for the incentive. In 2024, 56 employees were eligible for the incentive, there were 53 employees eligible in 2023. This included 1 Lieutenant, 8 Sergeants, 44 Deputies, and 3 Booking Clerks. The highest number of hours worked by an employee was 2,708, this equates to working 67 - 40 hour work weeks.

Jail Substance Abuse Program

Kenton County Detention Center (KCDC) – 2024 Annual Report

Program Overview & Key Changes in 2024

The Kenton County Detention Center (KCDC) recently underwent significant changes in its substance use treatment and rehabilitation programs. The primary transition involved bringing the program fully back inside the facility under AODE licensing, allowing for greater oversight, continuity of care, and a more structured treatment environment.

Additionally, several audits and evaluations were conducted to assess the effectiveness of programming, leading to a program reset for 2025. This reset ensures that evidence-based practices remain at the forefront of all services while addressing program gaps and improving participant outcomes.

Program Participation & Outcomes in 2024

Substance Abuse Program (SAP) Participation & Graduation

The SAP program continued to be a critical component of recovery efforts at KCDC, providing structured treatment for individuals struggling with substance use disorders.

- Total SAP Participants in 2024: 398
 - 283 Males (209 County & 74 State)
 - 115 Females
- Total SAP Graduates in 2024: 119
 - 85 Males (46 County & 29 State)
 - 34 Females

Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) Participation & Graduation

MRT remained a core rehabilitative service at KCDC, offering structured cognitive-behavioral therapy programs designed to enhance decision-making and reduce recidivism.

- Total MRT Participants in 2024: 276
 - Total Program Completions: 120
 - Behavioral Terminations: 14
 - Voluntary Withdrawals: 12
 - Released/Paroled/Transferred/Other: 76
 - Active Participants at Year-End: 54

Breakdown of Completions by Program:

- MRT Core Program: 20
- MRT Anger Management: 48
- MRT Trauma: 15
- MRT Untangling Relationships: 30
- MRT Parenting (Discontinued in 2024): 6

Jail Substance Abuse Program

- MRT Mentor (Paused for program reset, restarting in 2025): 1

KCDC continued to prioritize education and job-readiness training for justice-involved individuals.

GED Program:

- Participants in 2024: 100 (71 County & 29 State)
- Graduates in 2024: 5

ServSafe Certification:

- Participants in 2024: 16
- Graduates in 2024: 16

Reentry & Recovery Support

KCDC recognizes the importance of transitional support for individuals leaving incarceration, ensuring they have access to safe housing and employment resources.

- Individuals Served with Sober Living Support: 82
- Referrals to Life Learning Center (LLC): 110

Looking Ahead: 2025 Program Reset

As KCDC moves into 2025, the focus remains on enhancing service delivery, refining programming, and strengthening community partnerships. The return to an in-house treatment model under AODE licensing allows for more tailored and accountable care, and the restart of paused programs like MRT Mentor will provide additional peer-led recovery opportunities.

By leveraging data-driven insights, community partnerships, and structured reentry services, KCDC is positioned to build on the successes of 2024 and create even stronger rehabilitation pathways for those in custody.

This report highlights the impact of KCDC's treatment programs in 2024, emphasizing the importance of structured recovery, education, and reentry support in reducing recidivism and improving long-term outcomes for participants.



Jason Merrick
Director of Addiction Services

INMATE SERVICES

Inmate Services provides a wide variety of programs and services to inmates. Inmates needs are individually assessed and programs are provided to meet their religious and educational needs. Facilitators of the programs must be certified by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Department of Corrections. In addition, the Director of Inmate Services has the responsibility of addressing inmate grievances. Grievances are assigned to the correct person to address the issue and must be addressed in a timely manner. In the event of an inmate disciplinary hearing, the Director of Inmate Services may act as, or assign someone to act as the inmate's advocate. Stuart Warren has served as the Inmate Services director since 2022.

Additional duties and programs that Inmate Services provides include the following:

- Supervising program instructors and volunteers
- Training volunteers and outside instructors on detention center policy and procedures
- Approving religious meal requests
- Scheduling of religious programs
- Inventorying and approving inmate literatures
- Approving proposals from outside groups to provide services
- Conducting regular wellbeing checks on KCDC Staff
- Assisting with the development and implementation of a staff wellness program
- Assisting with development and implementation of a peer support team of KCDC staff members and chaplains to address immediate and long-term wellbeing needs
- Performing other related duties as required

In 2024, the Inmate Services Director received and processed **5,266 general requests and grievances**: 3,766 general requests and 1,500 grievances.

- 373 bibles (religious literature requests other than bibles were not tracked)
- 296 pairs of reading glasses
- ~15 religious diet requests
- Distributed clergy and chaplain requests to appropriate volunteers (not tracked)
- 208 power of attorney and vehicle release documents
- 37 legal document notarization requests processed
- 18 divorce applications
- 57 tax form requests

Additional services provided:

- Death notifications (notifying inmates of the death of loved ones)
- Funeral visits (family members of employees)
- Meeting with inmates and staff for spiritual guidance and prayer
- 3 volunteer training sessions (73 volunteers participated)
- Received and processed ~80 volunteer applications

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- Routine staff wellbeing check-ins
- Providing a listening ear for grieved staff
- Purchased flowers and gift cards for employee family deaths and medical emergencies
- Co-taught three classes of Desert Waters: Corrections Fatigue to Fulfillment for deputies



Stuart Warren
Director of Inmate Services

FOOD SERVICES / LAUNDRY

FOOD SERVICE

Food Service has been provided by the staff of the Detention Center since early 2022. Providing nutritious and quality meals at an affordable cost was the goal of bringing Food Services in-house. Food Services and Laundry is managed by Alex Postlewait with a staff of three employees. Two of the employees are assigned to the kitchen and one to laundry. Partnering with a dietician/nutritionist from St. Elizabeth Healthcare ensures the meals meet the DOC standards and the dietary needs of our inmates. Meals must meet the dietary, medical, and religious needs of individual inmates. Meals are planned on a two week revolving menu. Typically, the menu consists of a cold breakfast, 3 day cold and 4 day hot lunch, and hot dinners. Our staff typically prepares between 1,500 and 1,800 meals daily, based on the inmate population. Class D inmates who are eligible for special programs work in the kitchen and make preparing the large volume of meals possible. During 2024, 31 inmates worked in the kitchen, 4 in laundry and 1 in commissary. The kitchen operates from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 7 days a week. The current average cost per meal was 96 cents in 2023 and 2024.

Meals served in 2022 – 704,202

Meals served in 2023 – 681,236

Meals served in 2024 – 662,298

Total meals served in 2022, 2023 and 2024 – 2,047,736

SPECIAL MEAL PROGRAMS

Special meal programs provide inmates with a special meal or food option that is not part of the provided menu items. The programs include Dorm Dash meals, Ice Cream, Pretzels, Cookies and Superbowl Sunday meals. Each of the options can be purchased through the Care a Cell app by an inmates' friend or family member. Purchases must be made in advance and are delivered on Tuesdays. Superbowl Sunday purchases typically include sodas and appetizer type foods.

2022 Dorm Dash purchases – 4,075

2023 Dorm Dash purchases – 5,315

2024 Dorm Dash purchases – 4,373

2022 Ice Cream purchases – 557

2023 Ice Cream purchases – 812

2024 Ice Cream Purchases – 593

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2024 Pretzel Purchases – 416

2024 Cookie Purchases – 520

2024 Superbowl Sunday Purchases - 197

LAUNDRY

The laundry department is also supervised by Alex Postlewait with a staff of 1 employee who manages 4 Class D inmates. The laundry department operates 5 days a week from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This department is responsible for laundering the personal and issued clothing of every inmate as well as all of the linens and towels used in the facility.

CLASS D INMATES

Work programs provided at KCDC benefit both the Detention Center and Class D inmates who qualify and are eligible to participate. Inmates earn a stipend each week, receive time served credits, and live in a dorm with other workers which is outside general population. Our programs promote self-worth, teach new skills, and expose inmates to the team concept. Class D participation makes delivering in-house food services, commissary and laundry possible. Over the past two years, our staff has partnered with Gateway Community College to provide an 8 week Kitchen Manager program to inmates who chose to participate. This is a Management Level program that teaches the skills and provides the knowledge needed to become a certified Kitchen Manager. Upon graduation, the inmate receives a certification that can assist them in securing employment in the food service industry after release. In 2023, 4 inmates passed the written examination and received the Kitchen Manager Certification, in 2024 there were 10 inmates that received the certification.



Alex Postlewait
Director of Food Services / Laundry

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Detention Center staff participates in community events hosted other agencies, attends job fairs and other community events throughout the year. Community involvement builds relationships and trust through professional and personal interaction. The 4th Annual Trunk or Treat hosted by KCDC proved to be a huge success. This event was heavily attended by families from neighboring communities.

Community Events include:

Guest Speaker – Hosted by Big Sandy Correctional Institute – March 28 – Sgt. Kiser was a guest speaker for female Correctional Officers.

Touch a Truck – Hosted by the Erlanger Police Department – June 9.

St. Joe's Festival - Hosted by St. Joe's Parish – August 2 – 4.

Kenton County Senior Picnic – Hosted by the Kenton County Fiscal Court – September 19.

Kenton County Community Cleanup Days – 1 week in the spring and 1 week in the fall – 6 inmates participated each day.

NKU Job Fair – Hosted by NKU – October 2.

Covington Bookworm Event – Hosted by Covington PD – October 15.

4th Annual KCDC Trunk or Treat – Hosted by KCDC – October 16.

Kids Fun Day and Character Trail – Hosted by Kenton County Parks and Recreation – October 19.

Criminal Justice Career Lecture – Hosted by NKU – December 2.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Several events were planned throughout the year specifically for, and by KCDC Staff. Each event gave employees a chance to fellowship, develop personal relationships and build a sense of comradery. Most of the events were on-site and were theme based. Some of the events were as simple as preparing a theme dish or appetizer to share with fellow employees, others involved friendly competitions. A few group events were scheduled to various off-site places of interest. Promoting relationships, building trust, comradery, and a sense of inclusion is vital to the success of an organization.

ON-SITE EVENTS

Flag and Mural Contest
Valentine's Day – Get Your Heart On
Cornhole Tournament/Inflatable Race
Ice Cream Social/Inflatable Race
Mama Mia Italian
Fish Fry

Superbowl Office-gating
Chili Cook Off – (4/22 and 10/29)
Mexican Fiesta
Casserole Chaos
Secret Santa

OFF-SITE EVENTS

Cyclone Hockey Game
Bourbon Blending (Wenzel Whiskey)
I've Been Mugged (Mug exchange)

Hilton Humphrey Benefit
KCDC Family Picnic
End of Year Party



SPECIAL UNITS

Specialized Units exist to address situations that threaten the safety and security of the Kenton County Detention Center. These units consist of highly trained and well-disciplined Deputies who are willing to accept the extra responsibilities of their assignment.

SEARCH RESPONSE UNIT (SRU)

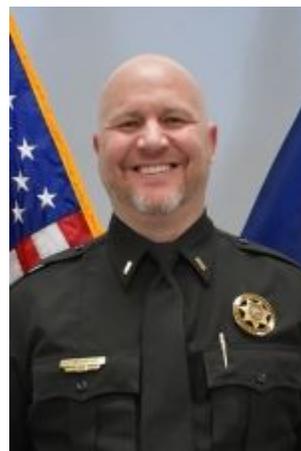
This unit is comprised of Deputies who are trained to conduct in-depth searches. The search may be within a unit and/or person(s). The goal of such searches is to seize all types of dangerous contraband that may have been introduced into the facility. Contraband includes weapons, drugs or any item that could threaten the safety of inmates or the safety and security of the facility. The SRU trained 338.5 hours during 2024.

Tactical Response Team (TRT)

The Tactical Response team can be deployed to any number of diverse emergencies and situations. The TRT is comprised of staff members who are highly trained in tactics and specialized weapons. Emergencies within the facility and incidents requiring a Cell Extraction of one or more inmates are typically the greatest need for deployment. Additional deployments may include escapes, acts of God, suicide attempts, fire evacuation, high risk escorts, and joint operations with local law enforcement. Testing and interviews are required to become a member of the TRT. The TRT trained a total of 818 hours during 2024.



Colonel Trey Smith
TRT Commander



Lt. Jimmy Browning
SRU Commander

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The TRT and SRU conducting a joint operation which consisted of securing and contraband search of an inmate dorm.

