

# 2015 Wright County Jail Annual Report



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## **Mission Statement**

The Wright County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the community, is committed to improving our quality of life. We uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and dedicate ourselves to maintaining order, protecting life and property; reducing the fear of crime, and ensuring a safe and secure correctional facility. We hold ourselves accountable to the guiding principles of:  
Integrity, Professionalism, Caring, and Fairness.

## **Guiding Principles**

### **INTEGRITY**

We pride ourselves on upholding the highest ethical standards that guide us to serve in a trustworthy, truthful, and honorable manner.

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We inspire trust and cooperation within the community and the Sheriff's Office. We are well trained, highly motivated, progressive and innovative while providing responsive and quality service.

### **CARING**

We are compassionate and respectful. We are approachable, understanding, and considerate of the needs of all people.

### **FAIRNESS**

We are equitable, just and consistent. We serve the community and each other in an unbiased and impartial manner.



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## *Annual Report*

The current Wright County Jail opened in April 2009. We are currently licensed by the MN Dept. of Corrections to hold 228 inmates.

The County Jail houses pre-trial detainees and individuals with sentences up to one year. The Jail is a one level, 120,000 SF structure with an initial capacity of 352 inmates, with core facilities to serve up to 600 beds. The Jail is organized along a central corridor with core support functions on one side and housing on the other, allowing these two very different functions to expand independently as needed.

The core support area includes a drive-thru vehicle “sally-port”, intake center, medical clinic, food service and laundry, loading dock, exercise and education. Jail Administration, video visiting, and Master Control are located adjacent to provide clear points of public access. Provisions are made for a secure corridor connection to future courts.

Jail housing “pods” are constructed with pre-cast concrete cells stacked on two levels around an open two-story dayroom, with clerestory windows introducing natural daylight. Two distinct management styles are provided: large “direct supervision” pods for inmates deemed generally cooperative and non-violent, and smaller “indirect supervision” units for individuals needed more secure accommodations.

All cells are served by a “rear chase” providing easy access by maintenance staff to plumbing and mechanical systems. Central heating and ventilating equipment is located on a third level penthouse above each housing complex.

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## Overview:

We had a successful year in 2015.

- Zero staff assault
- Zero inmate deaths
- Zero inmate lawsuits
- Under budget.

In 2015 the approved budget for the Wright County Jail expenditures was \$7,759,506. Our projected revenues were \$345,000.

The actual expenditures were \$7,483,745. The actual revenues were \$1,106,734.

The Jail finished the year under budget by \$275,761.

Projected Revenues were exceeded by \$761,734.

### Jail Population Summary: (These figures come from the Statewide Supervision System.)

Adult Males	2833	73%
Adult Females	<u>1058</u>	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3891</b>	

Total Days Confined	56,497.52	Males = 44,825.55	Females = 11,671.97
Average Daily Population	154.79	Males = 122.81	Females = 31.98
Average Days Confined	15.52	Males = 15.82	Females = 11.03

Juveniles – Males	27	82%
Juveniles – Females	<u>6</u>	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	

Total Days Confined	1.06	Males = 0.86	Females = 0.20
Average Daily Population	0.00	Males = 0.00	Females = 0.00
Average Days Confined	0.03	Males = 0.03	Females = 0.03

#### Race:

Black	382	10.07%
Unknown	32	0.84%
Asian	47	1.24%
Native American	133	3.51%
White	3,198	84.34%

#### County of Residence:

Wright: 2,008 or 51%  
 Minneapolis: 197 or 5%  
 St Paul: 95 or 2.4%

#### Reason Held:

Bench Warrants	1,072
Civil Cases	8
Commitments	751
Hold for other Agency	656
PC's	1,103
Rule 5's	172

#### MN Residence:

3,808 or 98%

#### Reason Released:

RPR	1,155	
Bail Supplied	687	
To Other Authority	733	
Sentence Completed	1,050	
Major Violations	281	(166 different inmates)
Minor Violations	147	(116 different inmates)
Suicide Watches	41	

#### Bail Collected:

Approx- \$5.8 Million

## Section 1:

### Prison Rape Elimination Act

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in Congress. The purpose of the act was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003). In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections, and jail systems.

The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing draft standards for the elimination of prison rape. Those standards were published in June 2009, and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule. That final rule became effective August 20, 2012.

In 2010, the Bureau of Justice Assistance funded the National PREA Resource Center to continue to provide federally funded training and technical assistance to states and localities, as well as to serve as a single-stop resource for leading research and tools for all those in the field working to come into compliance with the federal standards.

This office has zero tolerance with regard to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in this facility and will take appropriate affirmative measures to protect all inmates from sexual abuse and harassment and to promptly and thoroughly investigate all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (28 CFR 115.11).

The Wright County Jail’s 2014 statistics included 3 substantiated incidents of Inmate sexual harassment, 2 unsubstantiated incidents of Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment. 2 unfounded incidents of Inmate on Inmate sexual abuse. 2 unfounded incidents of Staff on Inmate sexual harassment and 2 unfounded incidents of Staff on Inmate sexual abuse with a total of 11 incidents, all of which were Administratively investigated, non of the incidents prompted a Criminal investigation.

The 2015 statistics included 0 Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment incidents, 1 unsubstantiated incident of Inmate on Inmate sexual abuse. 1 unfounded incident of Staff on Inmate sexual harassment along with 1 substantiated incident of Staff on Inmate sexual harassment, also 1 unsubstantiated incident of Staff on Inmate sexual abuse. All 4 incidents in 2015 were administratively investigated, none of the incidents prompted a Criminal investigation. The result of 1 investigation resulted in banning access to the jail of a non-security county employee. The decrease in the amount of incidents indicate the Jail’s continued efforts to adhere to its policy of Zero Tolerance towards sexual abuse/harassment and to deter such incidents.

## Section 1:

### CANTEEN

The Jail operates a jail canteen service. We provide inmates with vending machines and bag canteen. Inmates are allowed these privileges based on their behavior and after they have paid any debts from booking fees and medical services. All money generated in the canteen account comes directly from inmat



We contract our canteen services with *Turnkey Corrections*. They supply all of our vending machines and personnel to stock and maintain them. They also supply us with accounting software to manage inmate money. Inmates who have money on their account at the time of their release are given a visa debit card with their balance on it. Releasing inmates with a debit card allows inmates easier access to their money when released (as opposed to a check) and due to the structure of the debit cards, they eliminate unclaimed/un-cashed checks and our need to rewrite and/or re-issue checks.

Our jail canteen fund is run through the Auditor's Office and is audited by the State. We follow the MN DOC practice (MSs 16A.72) that all funds received from purchases made by inmates from our canteen go directly to benefit the general inmate population. This money is used to purchase Program supplies for inmate programs, all recreation equipment and supplies, all newspapers and magazine subscriptions, the TV's in the housing units, library supplies and books, and any other materials needed to facilitate inmate programming. Because of our canteen operation all of our programming is funded by the inmates rather than the taxpayers in the county.

## Section 2:

### COURT HOLDING:

The Wright County Jail maintains a court holding area at the Government Center. This area operates Monday thru Friday and is closed on weekends and holidays.

We transport scheduled inmates from the Jail to the Court Holding Facility for all court times. Wright County Sheriff's Transport Division brings juveniles, writs, and civil commits to the holding area for court appearances from all over the state. This area is also used to facilitate professional and some juvenile family visits with those waiting to go to court. The Corrections Officers also assist Bailiffs and Court Security as directed or needed.

The Jail also operates a satellite booking area at the Government Center. The Booking Officer duties have expanded considerably from when this area was opened in 2009. Some of those duties:

- Complete all Rule 5 bookings on adults and juveniles.
- Complete print cards for civilian purposes: i.e. adoptions, teacher licenses, Foster care, gun permits, ect.
- Process court information regarding in-custody inmates.
- Process court information regarding all criminally booked persons.
- Process commitments, figure credit and good time on all jail sentences.
- Schedule jail start dates and answer questions regarding Work release, pay for stay, medical services, etc...
- Assist with processing orders for protection and ensuring they are received by the Civil Process Division.
- Assist Attorney's with jail and court information regarding their clients.
- Answer questions and direct citizens regarding Sheriff's office services.
- Work with Co. Attorney and Court Services regarding court, commitment and release information.

## Section 4:

### JAIL PROGRAMS:

The basic philosophy of the Wright County Jail Program Office is to develop and schedule programs and services that benefit both inmates and staff. When their time is occupied constructively, inmates require less intervention by corrections staff. Also it is hoped that the available program options will provide support and guidance to those inmates possessing a sincere desire to make a change in their lives. By way of these pursuits, it is a goal of this office to add to the safety and security of the Wright County Jail and to the community.

There are a variety of chemical dependency, counseling, educational, recreational, religious and vocational programs and services available for inmates. Programs included this year were Alcoholics Anonymous, Catholic Worship Service, Chaplain, Child Support, Freedom Fellowship, Gideon Ministry, Home Improvement (Parenting), Ladies Bible Study, Narcotics Anonymous, Pilot Outreach, Recreation, SELF, Transitions from County Jail, Treatment, Up With Worship, Veteran's Justice Outreach and other special events. Profits from inmate commissary and phone cards are used to purchase supplies needed to provide programming.

The funding for the Program Unit is solely provided by the revenues generated from the canteen services that the jail offers to the inmates.

Programs/Recreation Totals						
	Program Hours	Inmate Attending	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Recreation Hours	Inmates Attending
<b>2015</b>	2,876	12,784	108	1,749	1,217	8,167
<b>2014</b>	2,939	13,451	109	1,771	1,098	6,588
<b>2013</b>	2,573	12,600	115	1,799	1,057	5,548
<b>2012</b>	2,666	8,529	97	1,443	980	4,708

The Sentencing to Service (STS) program is a supervised work crew that is jointly funded by the MN Department of Corrections (DOC) and Wright County. The STS work crew goes into the community and does work for the County, DNR, State, Cities, Townships and Non-Profit. The crew is made up of Jail inmates and individuals on probation with mandated STS participation in lieu of jail. Inmates are screened appropriately to participate in this program. Many of the projects would be cost prohibited if it was not for the free labor the STS Crew provides. An hourly wage of \$10 is used for estimating value to projects, which is a very conservative figure. Most of these projects would either not get done or would have much higher labors costs if not done by the STS crew.

Sentencing to Service (STS) Totals			
	Participants	Community Hours Worked	Value of Projects completed
<b>2015</b>	88	6,226	\$62,260
<b>2014</b>	117	7,179	\$71,790
<b>2013</b>	120	7,459	\$74,590
<b>2012</b>	113	7126	\$71,260

## Section 5:

### WORK RELEASE:

The Program Office supervises the Work Release program. The Work Release program allows an inmate to continue working at their place of employment while serving their judge ordered jail sentence. This program hopefully allows the inmate to maintain their financial responsibilities. Each inmate is reviewed and supervised to make sure they have a legitimate job and attend their job regularly.

Work Release Totals						
				Pay For Stay/ Boarding Fees		
	Participants	Most Frequent Crime	Average Stay	Wright County work Release fees	Out of County fees paid by individuals	DOC Work release boarding fees
<b>2015</b>	150	DWI – 47%	23 days	\$56,178	\$5,440	\$33,000
<b>2014</b>	156	DWI – 47%	16 days	\$51,570	\$10,960	\$42,130
<b>2013</b>	210	DWI - 49%	21 days	\$72,324	\$6,480	\$35,750
<b>2012</b>	201	DWI - 48%	18 days	\$58,644	\$480	\$32,890

The Wright County Jail also works with the MN Department of Corrections (DOC) and their work release program. MNDoc inmates who meet requirements and are within 1 year of their release date may apply for the MNDoc work release program. Once approved those inmates who will be released to Wright County or the immediate area are transferred to the Wright County Jail and allowed an opportunity to look for work. If they are successful they are allowed to work at the job and prepare for release. This program helps inmates who are returning to our community to be in a more financially stable situation prior to release. Programs like this have helped with reduced recidivism rates for those inmates who participate. This program has seen about 6 inmates per year in our county.