



SOMERSET COUNTY JAIL
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- Partners Award Nominee Jeffrey Mullen Institutional Parole Officer Somerset Probation Department
- Jeffrey Mullen compiles data on every inmate in the jail for a monthly population meeting with the Public Defenders Office, Somerset County Jail Warden, Deputy Warden, District Attorney and President Judge. The average daily population Somerset County Jail was 117 in 2004. The promotion of the monthly population meeting has drastically reduced the population, and it promoted the objectives of the 21st Century Committee Best Practices Awards Program. The average daily population for the Somerset County Jail was 83 for 2011. His efforts led to a thirty percent decrease over the Jail population. To accompany that, he maintains thorough records of sentenced inmates and their minimum dates of eligibility for parole. Institutional Parole Officer Mullen corresponds with Jail Officials to maintain accurate time computations on all sentenced inmates.
- Mr. Mullen also makes a comprehensive study of inmate's institutional records, including conduct records, work release records, detainers and incarceration treatment programs. He also makes a comprehensive review of the current case file, current risk/needs assessment, and any pending case files in an effort to direct offenders in appropriate treatment programs. This comprehensive study may also be used to determine the appropriateness of parole and a parole plan. His effort has led to a drastic decrease in recidivism. The Somerset County Jail's current population is comprised of only forty percent repeat offenders below the state average. The treatment services and re-entry project, also was promoted by the 21st Century Committee Best Practices awards programs.
- "In 2004 the jail had an overcrowding problem and had the lowest compliance rating in the state. In 2005 Somerset Borough police charged seven inmates with beating other inmates in hazing assaults. In 2006 and 2007, two studies were conducted to find ways to improve the situation at the jail, specifically overcrowding. Former SCI- Laurel Highlands Superintendent Fredric Rosemeyer reviewed all policies and protocols. Alan Kalmanoff, director for the Institute for Law and Policy Planning in Berkeley, Calif., led a study to review the county's criminal justice system. Recommendations from both studies led to lower jail populations. The state Department of Corrections gave the Somerset County Jail a 100 percent compliance rating as a result of its latest inspection." Article from Daily American newspaper explaining Mr. Mullen's success. The jail received a 100% compliance rating in 2009 and 2011 due to his contributions.
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