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# The Denver Sheriff Department *Progress Report* Message from the Director



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### NCCHC Audit

On April 25-27, 2011 a reaccreditation audit was performed by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care for our department. The audit was a great success and the Chairperson stated that she was going to submit the Denver Sheriff Department facilities for a "Facility of the Year Award." Congratulations to everyone, specifically the Denver Health employees, who worked for months preparing for this important audit. The NCCHC reaccreditation award is an important step in achieving our TRIPLE CROWN award for accreditations from NCCHC, ACA, and CALEA.

### One Year Ago

April 23, 2011 marked the one year anniversary of moving into this 488,000 square foot facility. While some things did not go as planned and adjustments had to be made, most issues have been resolved and I would like to commend everyone for their tenacity in making the entire transition a huge success. Thank you all for a job well done!!!!

### Appreciation Luncheon

On April 27, 2011 I hosted an appreciation luncheon for the Justice Center Transition Team and the Technology Management Unit. The purpose of this luncheon was to let these teams know (one year later) that the Denver Sheriff Department and the City and County of Denver truly appreciated all of the work that went into the Downtown Detention Center, Courthouse and the Jail Management System. Also present at this luncheon was Mayor Bill Vidal and Manager of Safety Charley Garcia who also thanked the teams for everything they have done and continue to do.

Mayor Bill Vidal



Manager Charley Garcia



# Message from the Director

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## **2011/2012 Budget**

All Safety agencies (DSD, DPD, and DFD) are currently undergoing a resource alignment project which involves an independent contractor that was hired through the Mayor's Office. Our agency has completed two of four meetings. The results of these meetings will be given to the new Mayoral administration to assist with decisions regarding the 2012 budget.

## **Inmate Advocacy**

On April 24, 2011 at approximately 1530 hours, Inmate Ryan Lyle Jackson was transferred into housing unit (Pod 2B) from Intake. D/S Timothy Lyons was diligent enough to check Inmate Jackson's alerts and noticed that the X03A status was not correctly placed and that there was only a comment of, "he does not know if he is suicidal." D/S Lyons our continued actions were that of contacting Intake Classifications for clarification on Inmate Jackson's housing status.

At approximately 1610 hours, D/S Lyons noticed that Inmate Jackson had wrapped his jail issued towel around his neck and was using the towel to cut off his air supply. D/S Lyons immediately made notification of the incident, went to Inmate Jackson's cell, and appropriately and safely controlled the situation. Inmate Jackson was sequentially taken to the medical unit and later transported to Denver Health Medical Center via non-emergency ambulance.

I would like to commend the actions on the above matter. These actions, attention to detail, and diligence halted a potentially deadly situation and saved Inmate Jackson's life.

# COUNTY JAIL DIVISION

***SERGEANT BUTLER***

## **Caissons and Foundations and Elevator Shafts**

The pictures below show the different stages of progress on the EHP housing unit at the County Jail.



# DOWNTOWN DIVISION

***Major Horner***

## **Memories**

As I sit here in a state of the art Justice Center that was being dreamed of twenty three years ago when I started, I have to appreciate our progress. When human nature kicks in and we feel we are not progressing all we have to do is think back. Do you remember typing the tier sheets on a typewriter at the County Jail? For the young officers you probably have seen these devices in antique stores or in an old movie. How about printing every inmate in ink and the terms Master Cards, Full Wash Cards, Index Prints and 10-1 Cards with palm prints? Mug Shots were taken in a closet on the Third Floor of the PADF. Let's not forget about training, fourteen days and you were working one on one with inmates and running a building, the FTO Program was in the dream stage. We have progressed and I am proud to have been part of the progression to where we are today.

To quote Chief Deeds, "we're not running around with our hair on fire, things have settled down and we can focus on running the facility." With this said be aware of complacency and take ownership of what ever tasks are assigned to you. Everyone can take a moment to reminisce and see our progress.

Here is a great quote from a great visionary and leader:

*There is a subtle danger in a man thinking that he is "fixed" for life. It indicates that the next jolt of the wheel of progress is going to fling him off. HENRY FORD, My Life and Work*

# TECHNOLOGY, SUPPORT & SPECIAL PROJECTS

*DIVISION CHIEF KIELAR*

## **Community Relations Unit**

The new *DSD Community Relations Unit* is now up and running! The objective of this unit is to increase awareness and public confidence in the Denver Sheriff Department through a program of coordinated outreach of staff involvement in community events.

In an effort to better understand how the department can support and offer resources to personnel we are compiling a list of all of the community activities or services that DSD personnel are currently involved with. Please contact Captain Frank Gale with information regarding activities or service that you are involved in so that we may help you in those efforts. Please provide a brief description of the activity, organization's name, how many hours per week or month that you are involved and how long you have been involved in the activity. We are interested in any and all activity and service including but not limited to coaching, mentoring, community service organizations, public speaking or presentations, school involvement, or work with youth groups and the elderly.

Listed below are some of the activities the Department is or will be involved with in 2011:

- ❖ 4/23 Auraria Campus Youth event with La Raza Student Association- D/S Norma Mock participated with a Recruitment Display along with several other officers from LaLey.
- ❖ 4/28 St. Michael the Archangel School Triathlon- D/S Dunn with K-9 Jack, D/S Spehar, Captain Bruning, and some others will attend.
- ❖ 4/30 "Especially Me" event at Gateway High School- Event is directed at young minority women and D/S Mock will attend.
- ❖ 5/13 Adventure Day Event put on by Learning for Life Champions and Boy Scouts of America at Cherry Creek State Park- D/S Dunn and K-9 Jack are doing a demonstration. Other officers are volunteering to help with the event.
- ❖ BSPA COJL tours on the following dates: 4/28, 4/30, 5/4, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, and 8/20. All but two of these tours are for Safe City.
- ❖ 6/11- Safe Night Event at Hiawatha Davis Center.
- ❖ 6/18- Juneteenth. DSD is represented on the planning Committee by D/S Rich Sawyer and BSPA is participating. Also D/S Norma Mock will be attending with recruitment information.
- ❖ 6/18 Refugee Day put on by Ecumenical Refugee and Immigration Services at the Martin Luther King Library. FOP 27 is doing Child ID at this event.
- ❖ 6/25 Puerto Rican Day Festival- LaLey is participating with volunteer security.
- ❖ July 11, 12, 13 and July 18, 19, 20- Youth Mini Academy at Roslyn Facility.
- ❖ August 20<sup>th</sup> Friends for Youth Car Show. Deputies are volunteering to help with the event and FOP Lodge 27 is doing Child ID Program.

# VEHICLE IMPOUND FACILITY

*MELISSA PALMER*

## Welcome

VIF would like to welcome to our staff: Richard Saunders our new Receptionist, Richard has worked for the Sheriff Department for ten years as a Deputy. Many of you remember his great work as a Firearms Instructor and as valued member of the Department's Gang Unit. Richard has transitioned well into his new position. We also have two new Cashiers, first is Judy Tafoya who comes to us from the Auditor's Office and has a total of 15year of city experience, Susan Kincaid has also joined our team and has been an "on call" employee for the past 2 1/2years. All three come with great credentials and we feel privileged to have them all!! WELCOME!!

## Rewire Project

Our electrical rewire project is underway and we expect its completion to be around the end of May. We also have two new revenue procedures in place, the metal recycle bin and the collection of change from vehicles to be auctioned. All is going well.

# CORRECTIONAL CARE

*Eve Mitchell, RN*

## 2011 Skills Fair

Medical recently conducted yearly mandatory training at the 2011 Skills Fair. Staff participated in the following activities:

- Laboratory Competency
- Wound VAC Refresher
- Mental Health Quiz
- Yearly Protocol Quiz
- Accreditation Preparation
- E-Bag Review
- EKG Refresher
- Infection Control
- Dental Video
- DSD Issues

## New Employees

Carlos Ramnath, LPN



Chelsea Jaramillo, Pharmacy Technician

