

***STRAFFORD COUNTY
2009 ANNUAL REPORT***

***DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS &
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS***



**For the Year Ending
December 31, 2009**

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The year of 2009 was our fifth year of operating the new jail. Revenue from inmate boarders for the year was \$5,652,200.72, an increase of \$33,175.66 from last year. Our average daily population decreased from 400 in 2008 to 397 in 2009. This shows that our population has stabilized, but it is too soon to indicate a trend. Our highest population for the year was 456 on July 23rd, and the lowest was 371 on November 15th. Statistics for a snapshot of our population at the end of 2009 show as follows: Percentage of inmates sentenced: 16%, pre-trial: 13%, boarders: 71%. The average length of stay for Strafford County inmates increased from 33.2 to 35 days. We booked 4,115 persons, including protective custody holds, which is down from 4,362 from 2008 (5.6%). We conducted 978 video arraignments, about the same as last year.

I am again pleased to announce that all Strafford County Correctional Officers completed the required annual 30 hours of training necessary to maintain their certification. We laid off six (6) staff and asked employees to give up a portion of their salaries for budgetary purposes. One officer resigned and we hired one back. Officer R. Hayden was selected as a Field Training Officer. Officer J. Forcier returned from serving his country in Iraq. Twelve (12) Correctional Officers gained their certification by passing the 120 hour training sponsored by the New Hampshire Association of Counties (NHAC) during the two Correctional Academies this year. Officer K. Bowdridge received honor graduate of his class. A 32 hour class on Direct Supervision was given to the 26 officers who had not yet had the training. The class content is provided by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). Three officers from our Special Response Team (SRT) attended the mock riots in West Virginia. This training is attended by departments from around the nation where several days of realistic scenarios are experienced in a non-operational prison. We also provided training on the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) for all staff, as well as published flyers for all visitors and inmates to help spread the word about this problem which is serious in some facilities. We received the results from last year's New Hampshire State Prison's PREA survey of our inmates and were pleased to see no areas of concern.

Five hundred and fifty nine (559) persons toured our facility in 2009, including 11 doing the Diversion tour for at-risk teens. Tours were given to students from Dover, Durham, Portsmouth, Rochester, Cocheco Arts & Technology Academy, and UNH. Professional tours included NH Probation and Parole, Strafford County Attorney's office, NH League of Women Voters, Cheshire County Superior Court, Rockingham County Superior Court, Merrimack County Corrections Department, Leadership Seacoast, and Cumberland County Jail, Maine.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Detention and Removal returned for another annual inspection which we passed with no issues. We converted a bathroom to be utilized as a barber shop to bring us more within their standards.

We had 819 disciplinary hearings this year, for an increase of 172 (26%) over last year. This is the highest amount to date. I expect there is a direct correlation between our high population days and disciplinary issues. The average daily population, which was down this year, does not reflect the number of days we had a high population compared to past years. This year we had the highest population number we've ever seen and conversely we did not once reach 2008's lowest level.

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I am proud to announce that we had our sixth Employee Recognition Banquet for department personnel this year. The awards for 2009 were as follows:

Employee of the Year Award: Officer Robert Hayden
Community Service Award: Industries Director Marilyn Allen
Supervisor of the Year Award: Sergeant Chris Brackett
Officer of the Year 1st Shift: Officer David Meehan
Officer of the Year 2nd Shift: Officer Donald Wood
Officer of the Year 3rd Shift: Officer Michael Garcia
Administration Employee of the Year: Officer Ann Fournier
Medical Department Employee of the Year: Rebecca Eischen, LPN
Community Corrections Employee of Year: Officer Will Britton
Community Corrections Supervisor of the Year: Ass't Director Joseph Devine
Food Services Employee of the Year: Peter Donnelly
Rookie of the Year: Scott Chabot
Life-Saving Award: Lieutenant Donna Roy, Officers Gillean Nelson, Brent Chapple, Kevin Boucher, Michael Landry, and Jason Collins
Humanitarian Award: Supervisor David Bedard
Innovation Award: Lieutenant Donna Roy

We are continuing to expand our efforts to help inmates transition into society. In November we opened our new Transitional Housing unit to assist inmates getting out, in addition to our Case Manager, Isabel Padiar, who coordinates release plans for inmates being discharged. This unit is for released inmates who have no housing, pending their relocation. It opened with six (6) beds, which has increased to twelve (12) beds due to demand. The addition of the Coast Bus line to the County Complex has helped make this housing successful as all residents are required to go out and look for jobs and housing. It was built in a wing of the minimum custody Annex housing area.

With the economy hurting businesses and residents in Strafford County, helping inmates transition into the community has been more challenging than in previous years. Work release numbers were down 62%. Our program to help inmates get jobs was busy, but results were less than any previous year. In an effort to keep inmates active, we are providing work for inmates around the Complex, more to help get them out for work details; the incentive for good work is a visit pass.

It takes special staff to maintain a positive outlook for inmates who are feeling the pressures of incarceration and planning a successful return to society. With our staff turnover rate drastically reduced, I believe that as experience grows, so does our ability to cope with managing the 400 or so people who live here. Direct Supervision inmate management and building design contribute to our success, but the underlying factor is staff. I thank them for their efforts to provide a safe and secure facility. Their dedication and motivation to maintain this department's leadership role in the criminal justice field is inspiring. Evidence of our success is shown in one way by the number of people who come for tours. They wouldn't come if we did not have such a reputation for being a top performer in the field. Showing off our facility is a great way to educate the community about what our staff has accomplished. Our officers and support staff are inspiring for how they do it, as well as for what they do. As tours walk into a housing area and observe one correctional officer in charge of a quiet unit with 72 inmates, they see how it is supposed to work. I think it boils down to a knack for human relations which the staff has cultivated over time. Each officer has had to learn how to cope with the

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stressors of correctional work, which I know is hard to do. Inmates, by nature, are held against their will, so helping them cope with the culture of a jail is very demanding. As I watch the shifts change, I wonder how staff maintain their cheerfulness knowing that at any time the serenity of the facility can be disrupted to an extreme. It is the little things which matter and my staff are experts at discerning what is needed and accomplishing the mission-guided goals we have dedicated ourselves to achieve. They are the heroes of the day, every day.

Our contracts with other agencies also bespeak our success in this field. We wouldn't be filling so many beds if it weren't for the efforts we have made to comply with contractual obligations, handling of grievances, and preventing legal issues from arising. Staff efforts to change what is needed to comply with the inspections of outside agencies have been effective in showing off our professionalism and dedication. I thank them for their outstanding work which has resulted in passing every inspection we have ever had.

I also want to thank County Administrator Ray Bower and the Board of County Commissioners for their continued support. I know we would not be so successful if it weren't for their attentiveness to our needs. Their leadership is often behind the scenes, but very important to our effectiveness. Giving us a direction to focus on is essential to planning, budgeting and managing in a changing world. Their involvement is crucial to determine how best to meet the future. Their vision is the mainstay of our course.

I look forward to another year of challenges and successes as we help people move toward, and sustain, a lawful and orderly place in society.

Respectively Submitted,

Warren Dowaliby

Warren Dowaliby, Superintendent

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2009 PROGRAMS REPORT

Educational Programs

Education: GED preparation and Adult Basic Education. Dover Adult Learning Center provided GED and Adult Educational classes four days each week for a total of 17 instructional hours per week.

Special Education: Special Education was offered at SCDOC. Coded students are referred to a tutor who contracts with the local school districts to provide services to incarcerated special education students

Volunteer Tutors: 4 volunteer tutors worked in the facility in 2009, providing a combined average of approximately 12 tutoring hours a week.

GED Exam: 70 inmates were administered the GED exam. 53 passed all sections of the exam. 17 passed portions of the exam.

Therapeutic Community Program / Women's Recovery Program

The table below illustrates the 2009 outcomes of these programs:

Amount of services:	
Number of days of residential treatment provided.	365
Previously funded RSAT beds continued during grant cycle.	32
New treatment beds added with RSAT grant funds during this grant cycle.	0
Treatment beds funded through other sources, but enhanced with RSAT-funded services.	32
Average length of stay in the residential program in days.	93
Total number of offenders entering an RSAT-funded treatment program.	211

Substance Abuse / Behavioral Programs

Drug and Alcohol Counseling: SCDOC contracted with Southeastern Services to provide 20 hours per week of drug and alcohol counseling services. Educational groups were offered weekly to each housing area in the jail.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous: AA groups for both male and female inmates were held weekly for each housing unit and daily for the TC units, this past year. NA groups were held bi-weekly.

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Anger Management Training and Life Skills Classes: SCDOC provided 7 classes per week of the anger management and life skills program.

Ending the Violence Program: Three sessions offered weekly in 2009

Victim Impact Seminar: This class was offered to NHSP female inmates on a weekly basis.

Positive Options Program: This program offers individual modules of anger management, attitude adjustment and life skills classes. A program counselor and volunteer provided individual service to 5 inmates weekly.

Pet Therapy: Offered weekly for two hours

Yoga: Two one hour classes weekly.

Jail Diversion Program: 21 inmates were screened and trained as jail diversion speakers in 2009.

Vocational Services

Pre-Employment Program (PEPP): This program teaches inmates job search skills, helps them to prepare resumes and job applications and teaches job interview skills. 7 classes were held per week in 2009.

Labor Room Program: Employment Security Program: This program provides direct employment assistance and placement into work release jobs through SCDOC and the NH Employment Office. Inmates were transported to NH Works at least twice per month for job search assistance.

Computer Classes: Dover Adult Learning center provided computer classes at SCDOC. 4 basic and 2 advanced classes were offered weekly.

Typing Class: Dover Adult Learning center provided 3 basic typing classes at SCDOC.

Career Assessment: This program assisted inmates with vocational evaluation and planning. In 2009, 92 inmates completed this program.

Work Release Program

Work Release Inmates: There were a total of 18 inmates on work release for 2009.

2 inmates were released for Home-Care Release

Spiritual Services Conducted in 2009

Sunday Service: Weekly Catholic group that meets on Sunday for the female inmates:

Sunday Book of Daniel Bible Study: Weekly group for female inmates

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Monday Night Bible Study: Bible study conducted for female inmates and special needs inmates

Catholic Services: Weekly Catholic program offered to females and to male general population units.

Bible Study and Music Ministry: Program for male general population that includes bible study and spiritual music.

Chaplain: Jail chaplain was available for a total of 20 hours per week for individual spiritual counseling, services and guidance.

Catholic Counseling: Two volunteers currently offer individual Catholic counseling to inmates.

Confessional and Reconciliation: A Catholic priest is available upon request for these services.

Internships

SCDOC hosted interns from the University of New Hampshire in 2009. 2 interns were from the Justice Studies Program, 2 interns from the Psychology Program and one from the Social Work Program. During the academic year each of these interns provided approximately 12 weekly hours of service. Duties included: Assistance with educational programs, assisting with discharge plans, observing in the TC units and administrative support.

Inmate Services

Library: The programs department solicited and managed donations of more than 3,000 books in 2009. Currently there are more than 11,000 titles in the library.

Law Library: 4 Law library computer stations containing NH State, Federal and Immigration Laws were provided for inmate use.

Respectfully Submitted
Jake Collins, Assistant Superintendent

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2009 DISCHARGE PLANNING YEARLY REPORT

Below are the 2009 Discharge Planning statistics indicating the services inmates needed upon their release:

<u>2009 Discharge Planning Statistics</u>	<u>1/1/09-12/31/09</u>
Total Number of Discharge Planning Interviews	125
Services Inmates Needed Upon Their Release:	
Transportation	80
Health Care	76
Employment	73
Public Assistance	42
Housing	41
Substance Abuse Treatment	39
GED	37
Medication	32
Mental Health Treatment	29
ID	15
Domestic Violence Class	8
Anger Management Class	2
Psychiatric Evaluation	1
Sex Offender Class	1
Total Number of Services Needed	476

As in years past, the inmates being released lack basic needs such as; health care, employment, transportation and housing. As part of the discharge planning, inmates are referred to the appropriate community agencies for assistance with their needs. Many of them follow through with the recommendations of their discharge plan. However, even though follow through is strongly encouraged and recommended, it is not mandatory and it is left entirely up to the individual. The inability of some individuals to follow through can be due to many reasons, but based on my observation, there are several factors hindering a person. For instance; lack of basic necessities, fear of asking for help, pride, feeling ashamed or no motivation. With this being said, it may be worth considering a mentorship program for released inmates and post-release case management to insure proper follow-up with discharge recommendations and advocacy for the ex-offender.

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Padial
Discharge Planning

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2009 JAIL INDUSTRY ANNUAL REPORT

The Jail Industry continued to grow this year even though the economy was suffering. AirMar was not able to utilize our services as much because of a slowdown in orders and they must of course employ their workers first. However, we were still able to certify two more private sector companies! In addition, we partnered with a company for a service project for a short period in 2009 as well. In addition, the Laundry section of our Jail Industry continues to do well. At present, we do laundry for the Strafford County Department of Corrections, in the areas that have no washers and dryers, Riverside Rest Home, Cochecho Valley Humane Society, and the Hyder Family Hospice, located adjacent to Riverside Rest Home.

Jail Industry inmates who have worked both for private sector partners, as well as our service industries, have logged a total of 15,302 hours of work. The total number of inmate workers who have been employed in the Jail Industries in 2009 was 87. The gross wages paid was \$68,732.00 Out of those wages \$2,527.00 was paid out of inmate wages to the State of New Hampshire's Victim Compensation Fund.

The goal of ISO certification for our company was finally realized! Stafford County Jail Industries is now ISO 9001-2008 Certified. This is a national/international certification recognized by all private sector manufacturing companies. The certification played a major role in securing two new additional companies in 2009 even in a depressed economy.

Another aspect of our business that we wanted to improve upon was our vocational component. That goal was also met. We now offer to inmate workers who qualify, a hand-soldering certification and a laundry management certificate, thus making them more employable upon release.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Allen,
Jail Industry Director

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2009 FAMILY RECEPTION CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

The Family Reception Center will have been in open for eight (8) years as of March of 2010. Our mission has been to provide a comfortable, trusting, and supportive environment, where inmates' families may come before or after visits to receive validation, support, and resources that may lessen the negative impact experienced through incarceration. Based on our data collection, we are indeed lessening stress. From April 2009 until the end of December 2009, we had over 1,945 individual contacts with friends and family members at the Family Reception Center. Quarterly events and special activities for families and friends take place at the Family Reception Center. Information on how to maneuver through the Corrections system is provided, as well as local agency resources and support. Donations to the Center have grown for our special events both by neighboring agencies and from individuals in the local communities.

The Family Reception Center continues to be self-sufficient, thanks to the generosity of volunteer staffing and continued grants for snacks, drinks, and special activities. We received a grant in 2009 awarded by the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund. We have already been notified of that we will receive this grant again in 2010. Additional funds are generated from the sale inmate photographs for their families. We continue to remain self-sufficient through these two avenues: grants and picture taking. There are no taxpayer monies used for this program.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Allen Founder & Coordinator

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2009 STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ANNUAL REPORT

Strafford County Community Corrections completed 2009 with a continued sense of accomplishment and determination to provide quality services to Strafford County. This is Strafford County Community Corrections' sixth year of operation.

We are located at the Strafford County Superior Court House, the William A. Grimes Justice and Administration Building, on the lower level along with the Strafford County Drug Court, the Strafford County Mental Health Court and the Stafford County Transitional Housing Program.

Strafford County Community Corrections continues to emphasize staff development through education and skills training. All staff has participated in job enhancement trainings. These trainings have been offered by the Strafford County House of Corrections, New Hampshire Police Standards and Training, and New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. (Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Drug Recognition Expert) We were also again honored to have a another staff member receive a full scholarship to attend an Orientation for Pretrial Executives held in Denver, Colorado hosted by the National Institute of Corrections and the U.S. Department of Justice. William W. Britton, one of our case managers, received the Employee of the Year award and Krista Shevenell received the Administrative Assistant of the Year award.

The Pretrial Diversion Program, in collaboration with the Strafford County Attorney's Office, has grown four-fold this year. As you may remember, the Diversion Program has been created for people who have had no prior criminal dealings with the criminal justice system and whom the County Attorney's Office does not anticipate returning to the system. This year we had forty seven (47) participants, up from eight (8) in 2008. Of this year's forty seven (47), only one failed by not completing the program due to new charges that were brought up against them.

A new pilot program, the Employability Program, brings together the Strafford County Community Corrections Program (SCCCP) and the Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) in a partnership that will assist delinquent obligors to come into compliance with their child support order and help prevent civil incarceration to the Strafford County House of Corrections. This program is the first in the state of New Hampshire and shows one more time how Strafford County stays on the cutting edge with a seamless approach to corrections and the judicial process.

Strafford County Community Corrections would like to acknowledge and gratefully thank the Strafford County Superior and District Court Judges, the County Attorney's office, local Prosecutors and Defense attorneys, The New Hampshire Public Defenders office, local Police Departments and the Strafford County House of Corrections for their continued support. We would also like to thank the Strafford County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator for their continued support and innovative guidance.

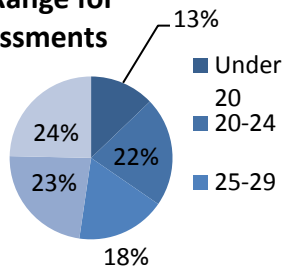
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Pre-Trial Assessments

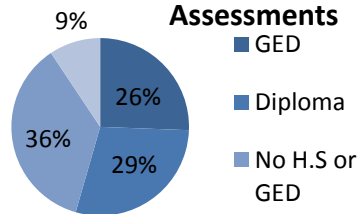
Strafford County Pretrial Services Mission Statement

Strafford County Pretrial Services will strive to assess, supervise and provide the necessary services for defendants. We will collaborate with the criminal justice community to assist in pretrial release decisions, promote community safety and ensure the return to court. This will be completed while honoring the constitutional presumption of innocence.

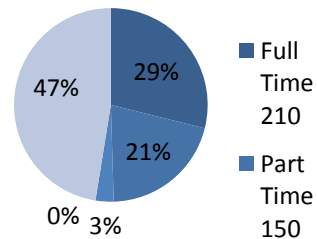
Age Range for Assessments



Education for Assessments



Employment



Strafford County Community Corrections completes assessments on all defendants booked into the Strafford County House of Corrections. This interview takes place as soon as possible, and is the first step in preparing the defendants assessment for court. The Intake Coordinator then uses the information gathered as a foundation to assist them when completing a report with the court.

The pretrial assessment is given to the Judge, to aide in making an informed decision when determining if bail supervision is necessary. The assessment is available for use during the defendant's arraignment, probable cause hearings, and bail hearings. Community Corrections did see a decline in assessments for 2009. We attribute this to the newly formed Mental Health Unit that now conducts assessments on all mentally ill inmates.

During 2009, we conducted a total of 791 assessments. Of the clients that were released to Community Corrections, we found 81% of them acceptable for the program.

The Defendants' Assessment contains information on:

- Criminal History*
- Pending Charges*
- Address History*
- Employment History*
- Education*
- Community Ties*
- Dependants*

The Defendants' Assessment is available to:

- Judges in District and Superior Courts*
- County Attorney's Office*
- Prosecutors or Law Enforcement Personnel*
- Defense Council*
- Probation Officers*

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2009 Assessments Show:

- 32% of the defendants interviewed are arrested by Rochester Police Department
- 40% of the defendants interviewed were charged with misconducts (Violation of Probation, Breach of Bail, Failure to Appear)
- 81% of the defendants interviewed are male.
- Defendants charged with a felony accounted for 42% of all defendants interviewed.

Pretrial Supervision Strafford County Pretrial Services *Vision Statement*

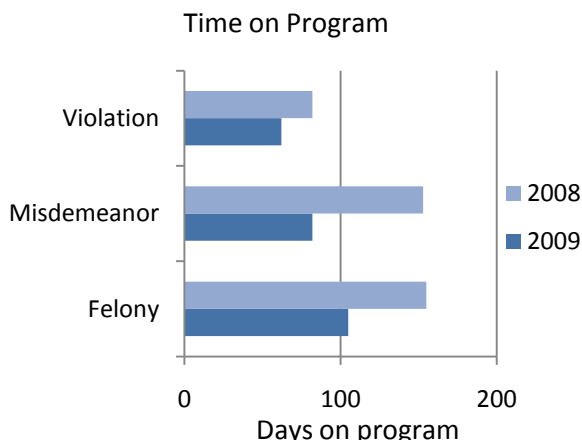
Strafford County Community Corrections strives to be a leader in the field of Pretrial Services. We can accomplish this by exemplifying the highest level of integrity, accountability, and we will develop and deliver exceptional services devoted to excellence.

All defendants on Strafford County Community Corrections must comply with a standard set of conditions. The court may also order specific conditions for the defendants to follow.

Just as with assessments, Community Corrections had a decrease in the number of intakes. In 2009, we had 424 intakes, down from 520. We also attribute this to all Mental Health cases being handled by a separate program now.

Of the clients placed with Pretrial Supervision, 40% came from Rochester District Court. We saw an increase of referrals for supervision from Superior Court. In 2008, we received 84 orders or 16%. For 2009, we had 127 orders or 31%.

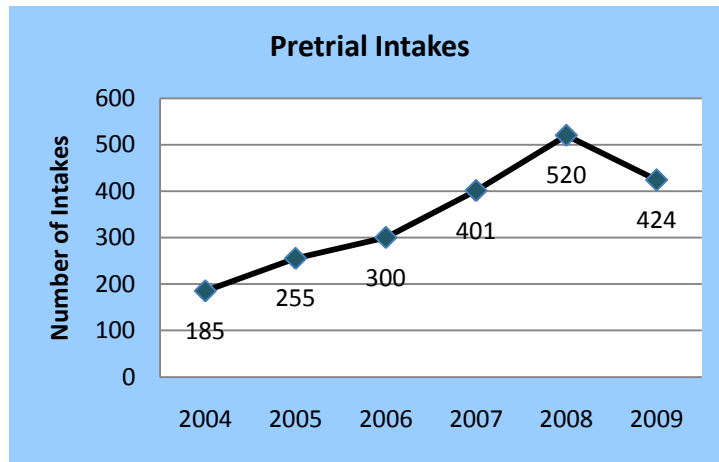
We also saw a decrease in the amount of time defendants were on Supervision. The largest decrease was for Misdemeanor cases that showed a decrease of 71 days from 2008 to 2009 (please refer to chart below). Based on these averages, Community Corrections defendants would have been in jail for a combined 44,520 days, at a cost to the County of \$3,249,960.



Trends for 2009 Intakes:

- 86% of the defendants being supervised are male.
- 25% of the defendants are over the age of 40.
- 42% of the defendants are unemployed.
- 31% of the defendants have no GED or High School Diploma
- 25% of the defendants have Domestic Violence related charges.

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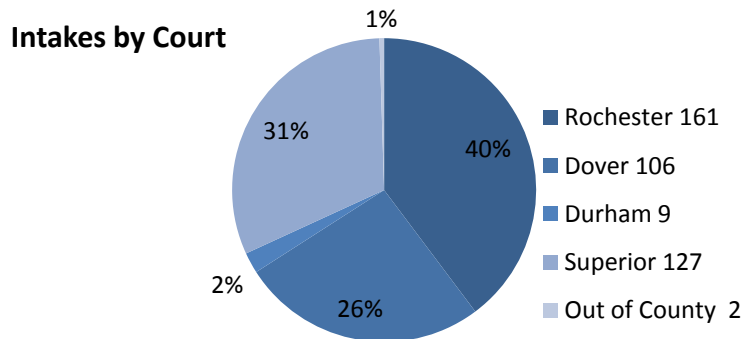


Standard Conditions:

- Check in by telephone daily to the appropriate Case Manager*
- Reporting to the office at the discretion of the defendant's Case Manager*
- Notification of all changes to telephone numbers, address, and employment*
- Refrain from the use of excessive alcohol*
- Notify staff of any contact with Law Enforcement*

Enhanced Conditions:

- Submit to mandatory random and scheduled drug testing*
- Adhere to a curfew*
- Electronic monitoring to include GPS or the use of remote alcohol monitoring*
- Refrain from the use of any alcohol*
- Refrain from possessing firearms*
- House checks to ensure compliance and verify address and living situations*
- Travel restrictions*
- Court ordered no contacts*



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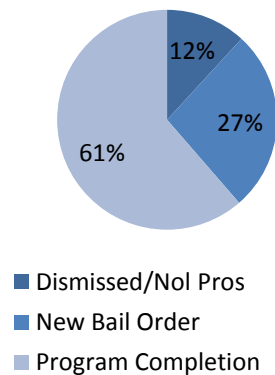
Disposition of Pretrial Clients

In 2009 Community Corrections had 324 pretrial clients exit supervision, 61% of the cases were found guilty and the defendant was sentenced, 27% received new bail orders removing them from supervision, and 12% had their charges either dismissed, nol-prossed, or were found not guilty.

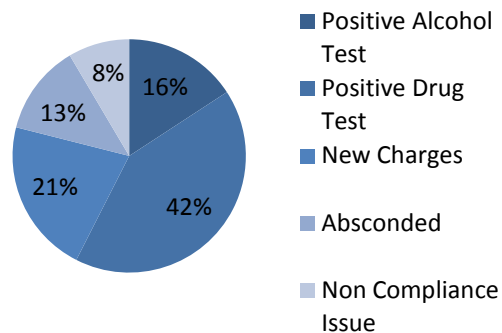
We feel 2009 was a very successful year for our pretrial division, in which 83% of our clients completed supervision, while 17% had violations that caused them to be terminated from supervision (repeated drug use, new charges, or absconding supervision). This means we only had 51 clients terminated from the program due to a violation compared to 115 in 2008.

The other major part of Pretrial Supervision program is to ensure the appearance in court. The national average for appearance in court is between 75% and 79%. Community Corrections clients appeared in court 99% of the time, having only 8 defendants who failed to appear in all of 2009.

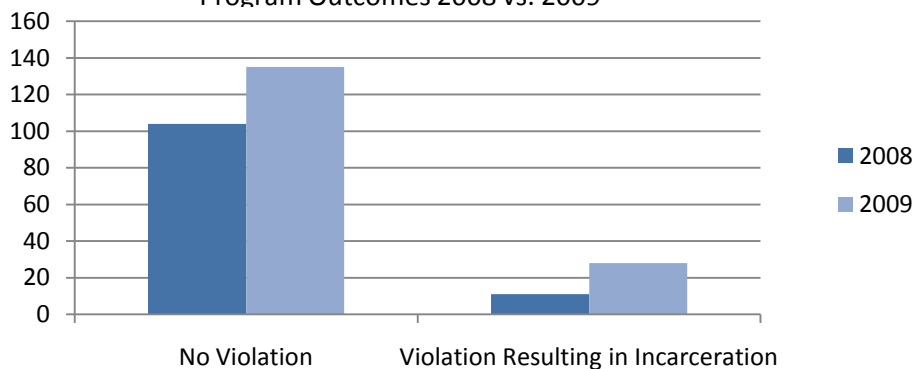
Closure Reasons



Type of Violation



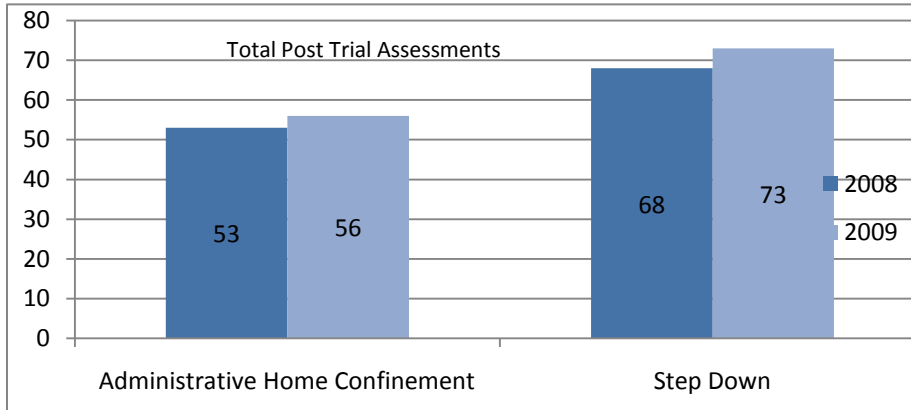
Program Outcomes 2008 vs. 2009



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Post Trial Assessments Post Trial Programs Mission Statement

Assess sentenced offenders housed at the Strafford County Department of Corrections and, if possible, divert them to intensive community based supervision while providing individualized treatment plans to help reduce criminal acts while promoting a safer community



Community Corrections has two post-trial programs. The first is Administrative Home Confinement (AHC). This is a court ordered program where the defendant typically spends some time in jail and the remainder at home and is supervised in the community.

The second program is the step down program. The idea behind this program is to encourage continued life improvements for inmates as they transition from life within the jail facility back into the community. This is accomplished by taking inmates incarcerated in SCDOC who are of good behavior and attending program. Community Corrections then files a motion on the defendant's behalf with the court. If granted, the inmate is released into the community under the supervision of Community Corrections.

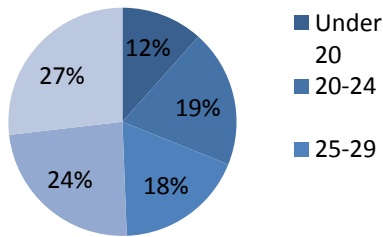
Community Corrections assess inmates in the jail to see if they are appropriate for either of these programs. In 2009, Community Corrections conducted 129 assessments. Community Corrections found 99% of the inmates assessed appropriate for supervision.

2009 Post Trial Assessments Show:

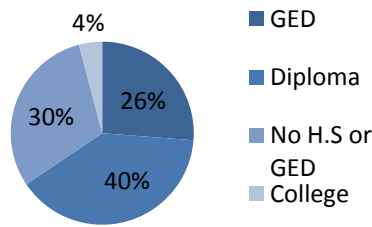
- 77% of the inmates assessed are male
- 40% of the felony convictions are Motor Vehicle related
- 36% of the misdemeanor convictions are Domestic Violence related
- 26% of the inmates were arrested by Rochester PD.

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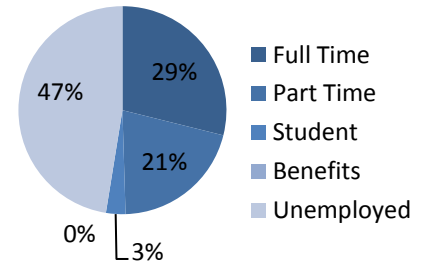
Age Range for Assessments



Education for Assessments



Employment

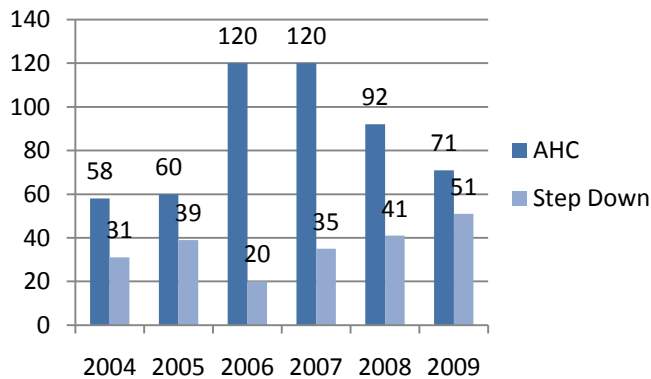


Post Trial Supervision

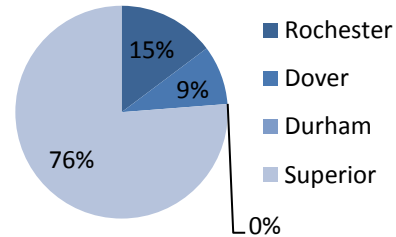
Post Trial supervision had another successful year in 2009. Administrative Home Confinement (AHC) had 71 intakes. This equals 8,922 jail days at a cost savings of \$651,330 to the County.

The Step Down Program had 51 intakes which is an increase of 10 from 2008. This accounts for 41% of all sentenced intakes. The step down program saved the County \$353,685 or 4,845 jail days. With these two programs Strafford County saved \$1,005,015.

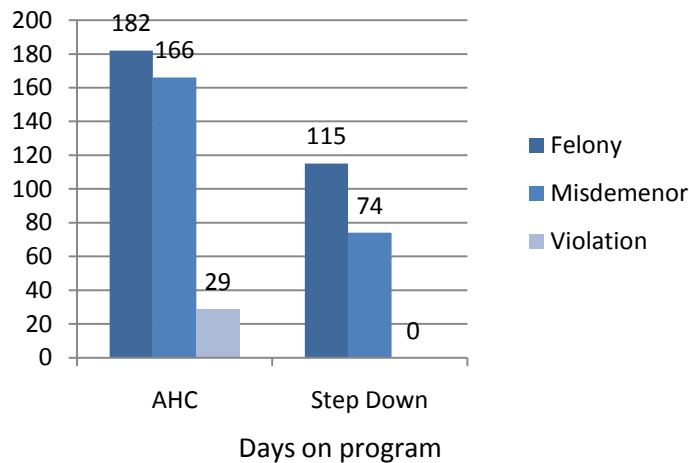
Post Trial Intakes



Sentencing Court



Time on Program



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For clients interested in Step Down the process is as followed:

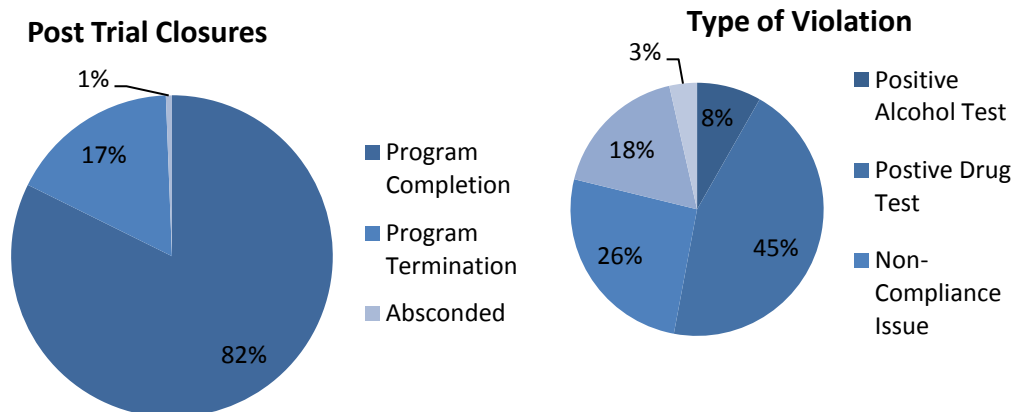
- *Jail Classifications Officers notify SCCCPC of sentenced inmates who are attending program and have clean disciplinary record.*
- *SCCCPC contacts inmates and delivers an application.*
- *When application is returned SCCCPC interviews and verifies information provided by inmate.*
- *Community Corrections speaks with the Prosecutor, to find their position*
- *If found acceptable SCCCPC notifies all parties and files a motion with the court requesting step down be granted.*
- *If granted the inmate is then released to the supervision of Community Corrections*

Disposition of Post Trial Clients

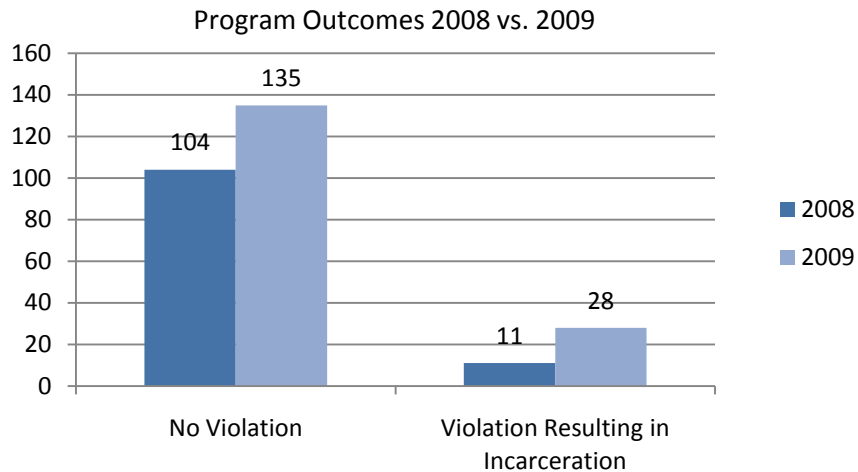
In 2009, Community Corrections had 165 post trial clients exit supervision. We feel this was a very successful year for our post trial division, in which 82% of our clients completed supervision, while 17% had violations that caused them to be terminated from supervision (repeated drug use, repeated alcohol use or new charges), and 1% of our clients absconding supervision and were later returned to jail.

For our Step Down Program, we filed 50 step down motions, all of which were granted. 45 motions were filed in Superior Court, 3 motions were filed in Rochester District Court, and 2 motions were filed in Dover District Court.

For both of our sentenced programs, we are constantly making referrals to other programs. Some programs we have had our inmates attend are: Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Anger Management, GED, LADAC, Parenting Class, AA/NA meeting, and the TC aftercare.



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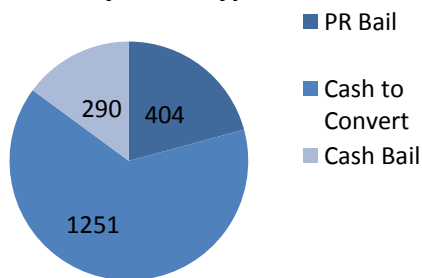


Drug Testing

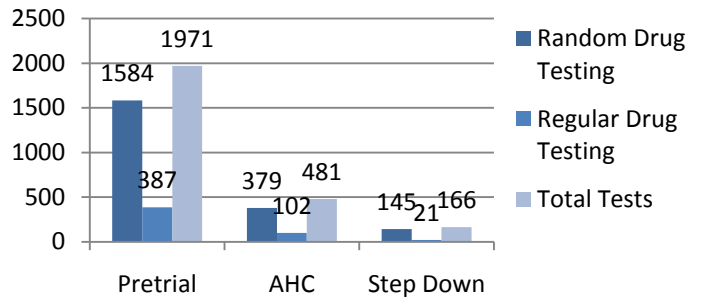
Drug testing is a condition of release that is most commonly used by the Judges and Community Corrections. Most defendants are tested using a random drug testing procedure, which can change to regular testing with the result of positive tests. Community Corrections has the ability to collect and test the sample in our office and can receive results in 12 minutes.

As you can see SCCCP, collected 2589 samples; 88% of those samples collected were negative for non-prescription drugs. Of the 12% that were positive, it included residual positive tests.

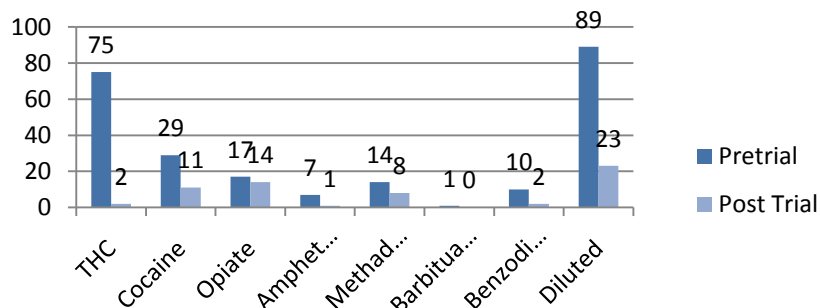
Pretrial Clients Drug Tests by Bond Type



Drug Tests Performed



Positive Drug Tests

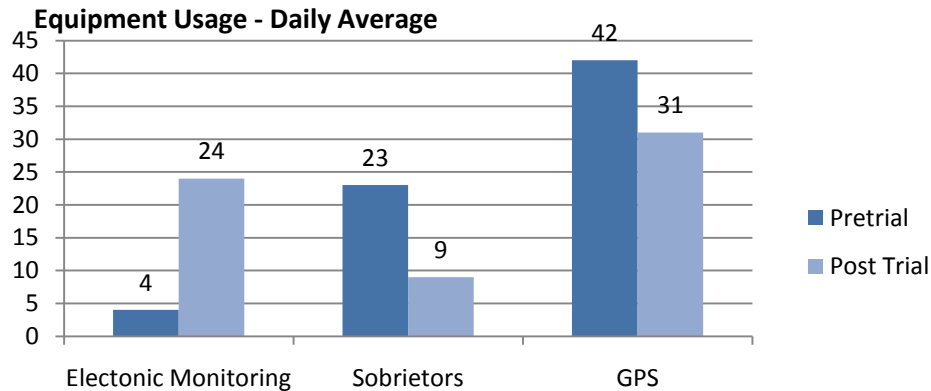


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Equipment

2009, Community Corrections averaged 129 clients a day on equipment which includes regular GPS supervision and/or a sobrieter.

Electronic monitoring is used to verify the comings and goings of our clients. It notifies us when the defendant is home and has left their approved residence. SCCCPC is notified any time the defendant leaves their home at an unscheduled time and we are then notified again when they return home. SCCCPC can use a sobrieter in conjunction with the electronic monitoring to send remote alcohol tests to the defendant's home and verify they are not drinking. The final piece of equipment that SCCCPC can utilize is active GPS. This enables us to check a defendant's location in real time. This is particularly beneficial in verifying that the defendant does not have contact with a victim in Domestic Violence cases.

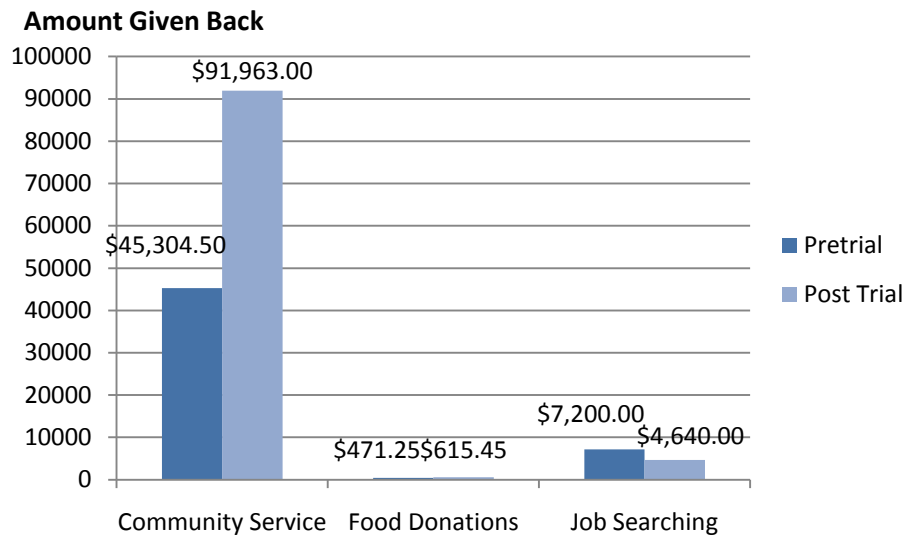
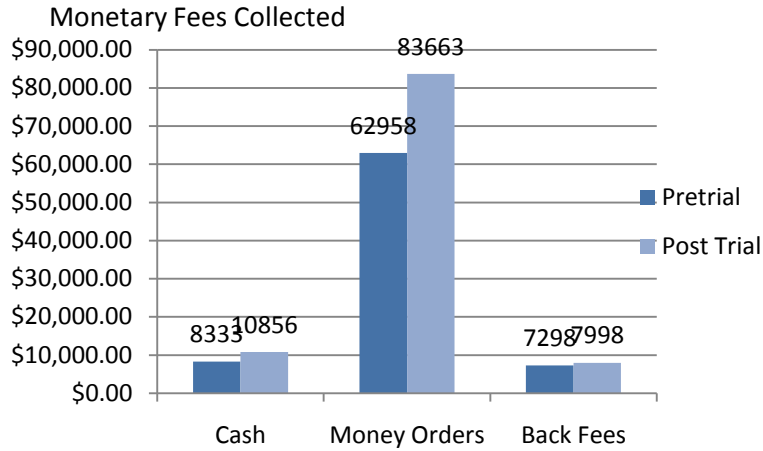


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Financial Summary

In total Community Corrections collected \$331,284.04 worth of revenue. This was completed by many different means; monetary, community service, food donations, and back fees.

This totals 1,715 community service days or 13,726 hours of community service given back to Strafford County. Community Corrections collected a total of \$181,106 in fees alone.



Respectfully submitted,

Joe Devine, Assistant Director
Community Corrections

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2009 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING/SPECIALTY COURT REPORT

In 2009 the Alternative Sentencing Programs in Strafford County experienced growth and programmatic development. By rehabilitating offenders in the community, we are saving taxpayer money while maintaining public safety and returning offenders back into the community as law abiding citizens. The Alternative Sentencing Programs co-exist in this County as part of an overall shift in philosophy to supervise and rehabilitate non-violent offenders in the community with help from the entire-County infrastructure. Without any piece of this infrastructure, these programs would not be able to operate as efficiently or as successfully as they do. This infrastructure includes; Strafford County Community Corrections, including the Community Work Program, the NH Public Defenders-Dover office, the County Attorney's office, the Strafford County Department of Corrections including the Therapeutic Community, the Strafford County Sheriff's Department, Southeastern NH Services, NH Department of Corrections Probation/Parole, and the Strafford County Superior Court, Rochester District Court and Dover District Court. Of course, County-alternative sentencing programs require local government support and without this support from the Strafford County Commissioners, Chairman George Maglaras, Paul Dumont, and Robert Watson, these programs would not exist. The leadership from County Administrator Raymond Bower has been crucial over the past year, as he provides the initiative and support we have needed to grow. In 2010 we will continue to seek enhancement of our County Criminal Justice Programming and the infrastructure that supports these programs. Such targeted enhancements include filling our newly implemented Specialized Transitional Housing Program to capacity and seeking additional grant monies for expanded inmate re-entry and post sentencing supportive case management.

Strafford County Adult Drug Treatment Court

Following a year-long pilot program, the Drug Court commenced full-operations on January 19, 2006 after securing a Department of Justice grant for 3 years. The Drug Court is a specialty court program that connects non-violent, felony and misdemeanor-level, substance-abusing offenders and NH State Prison Parolees who meet the same criteria. These participants are sentenced out of Strafford County Superior Court, to an integrated system of intensive alcohol and drug treatment in the community, combined with case management, community monitoring, strict court supervision and progressive incentives and sanctions. By linking participants to treatment services, the program aims to address offenders' addiction issues that led to criminal behavior, thereby reducing recidivism, and protecting public safety. The Drug Court is designed to be a 12-month felony-level and a 6-month misdemeanor-level alternative sentencing program, divided into three phases, and followed by one year of probation. The Drug Court utilizes such programs as the Work Program, Therapeutic Community and Transitional Housing to help support sanctioning and clinical interventions. Over the past year, the Drug Court held steady with an average enrollment of 60 participants and graduated 19 participants from the program. The Strafford County Drug Treatment Court was the first adult drug court in NH. *For more information regarding the Drug Treatment Court please contact: Alex Casale, Director @ 516-7193 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.*

Strafford County Rochester District Mental Health Court Pilot Program

This alternative sentencing program commenced operations in June 2007. The Mental Health Court provides court supervision and treatment services to mentally ill defendants to promote engagement in treatment, improve quality of life, decrease recidivism and increase community safety and awareness of mental health issues. The Mental Health Court is a 3-phase specialty court program designed for adults who have one or more misdemeanor-level and/or felony-level offenses and who are eligible for mental health treatment. The Mental Health Court involves frequent court appearances, as well as individualized treatment planning and case management. This program also awards incentives for healthy, appropriate behavior and imposes sanctions for negative behavior. The Strafford County Community Corrections program has made great strides in identifying and releasing clients with Mental Health issues. In coordination with Strafford County Judges and the local

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mental health center, SCCCP has helped develop bail language that compels defendants to get mental health treatment as a condition of their bail. The continuity of supervision that is provided from Pre-trial to Post-trial is a major factor in the referral and success of the program. In 2009 the Mental Health Court averaged 12 enrolled participants and graduated 5 participants from the program. The Mental Health Court was an outgrowth from the Strafford County Mental Health Council. In 2007 the Council also began a Crisis Intervention Team which includes staff from the Rochester and Dover Police Departments, Community Partners and NAMI-NH. In 2008 this team became certified as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) who responds to mental health-related police calls to ensure a more systematic, sensitive approach to persons with mental health issues. *For more information regarding the Mental Health Court, please contact Frank Laratonda, Director @ 516-5172 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.*

Strafford County Habitual Offender Academy Program

After the NH Department of Corrections eliminated funding for the “traditional State Wide “Academy Program in 2009, the Strafford County Attorney’s Office identified a need for the continuation of such programming for an identified Habitual Offender population. The primary goal of the Habitual Offender Program is to help persons with a Habitual Offender charge work towards getting their drivers license back. This process entails guiding participants through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Those who participate in the program are also on Administrative Home Confinement through Strafford County Community Corrections Program. There are two tracks to the HO Program; one track for those who do not have any substance abuse issues and one track for those that do have substance abuse issues. Those who have a history with substance abuse are required to participate in counseling and self help meetings as determined by a drug and alcohol evaluation. All those who participate in the Habitual Offender Program regardless of the track are required to attend the Life Skills group that the program runs. All participants are required to complete 150 hours of community service, call in for nightly curfew checks, and maintain a full time job or full time schooling. *For more information regarding the Academy Programs, please contact Jennifer Laferriere, Director @ 516-7191 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.*

Specialized Transitional Housing Program

Strafford County is pleased to announce that the Specialized Transitional Housing Program opened its doors on November 16, 2009. Strafford County received a federal grant from the Department of Justice that will provide funding for the next two years. The focus of the Housing Program is to reduce the recidivism rate of the jail and prevent more County residents from being victims of crimes. Strafford County recognizes the importance of providing a smooth transition from the House of Corrections back into the community. Some of the road blocks those individuals face exiting the House of Corrections are homelessness and lack of structure. The purpose of the Housing Program is to provide those individuals with a residence for up to 90 days which allows them the ample time to find employment and a stable living environment. Individuals who will be considered eligible for the program will have completed extensive programming inside the House of Corrections and will complete the screening process for the program. While residents will not be inmates of the House of Corrections, they will have to follow strict rules in order to reside in Housing. Residents will be subject to curfews, mandated to attend in house programming and will be expected to complete job searches every day. The grant provides Strafford County with the ability to hire a Specialized Transitional Housing Director and a Re-Entry Case Manager with responsibilities to include monitoring the daily occurrences at Housing, helping the residents find employment and permanent housing, as well as running programming at Transitional Housing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Strafford County employees who have been diligently working as part of the Transitional Housing team. Without your dedication and hard work this program would not be possible. *Any referrals can be directed to Jennifer Laferriere, Transitional Housing Program Director @ 516-7191 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.*

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In 2009 Carrie Lover was awarded Supervisor of the Year-Strafford County Community Corrections through the Jail Recognition Committee. Strafford County's Alternative Sentencing/Specialty Courts team who exhibited a committed, professional and ethical service for the past year consisted of the following teammates:

- *Alex Casale, Drug Court Program Director
- *Jamie Bennett, Drug Court Senior Case Manager
- *Amanda Vachon, Specialty Courts Case Manager
- *Frank Laratonda, Mental Health Programs Director
- *Blair Rowlett, Mental Health Programs Case Manager
- *Jennifer Laferriere, Habitual Offender Academy Program Director & Specialized Transitional Housing Program Director
- *Bruce Campbell, Specialized Transitional Housing Re-Entry Case Manager
- *Carrie Lover, Criminal Justice Programming Coordinator

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Lover

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