MEHERRIN RIVER
REGIONAL JAIL



2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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A letter from the Superintendent:

I want to take a moment to personally express my sincere gratitude, appreciation, and respect for each and every member of the MRRJ Team. The accomplishments highlighted in this letter did not happen by accident. They are the result of their hard work, professionalism, dedication, teamwork, and commitment to doing the job the right way—often under challenging circumstances and without recognition for the many things they do each day.

During our Virginia State Board of Local and Regional Jails annual audit, Meherrin River Regional Jail successfully passed **all inspections with zero deficiencies**. This is an outstanding accomplishment and one that every member of MRRJ should take great pride in. Maintaining these standards requires attention to detail and a commitment to excellence every single day, and each and every team members work ethic made this achievement possible.

MRRJ also completed an extensive **three-year PREA Audit with zero deficiencies** and only a few recommendations for continued improvement. This accomplishment demonstrates commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, respectful, and professional correctional environment. More importantly, it reflects the importance we place on the safety and well-being of both our staff and the individuals entrusted to our care.

Our successful **recertification under the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) standards** is another significant achievement. This recertification demonstrates MRRJ's commitment to providing quality, professional, and constitutionally sound healthcare. It also recognizes the dedication and professionalism of our Medical Staff, whose daily efforts help ensure that MRRJ maintains the highest standards of correctional healthcare.

While audits and certifications provide us with measurable results, they do not tell the entire story. **The true measure of MRRJ is the people who come through our doors every day and give their best to MRRJ.** These accomplishments are a direct reflection of their professionalism, attention to detail, teamwork, accountability, and dedication. Whether Security, Medical, Maintenance, Food Service, Intake, Administration, Training, Transportation, or any other area of MRRJ, their contribution matters, and their work is appreciated and noticed by everyone who enters this great facility.

Our commitment to our employees is equally important. MRRJ demonstrated its commitment to staff safety by purchasing body armor for Security Staff assigned to offender transports. This investment provides an additional layer of protection for our employees while performing duties outside the facility and reflects our belief that **the safety of our staff must always remain a priority**. Each employee deserves to have the equipment, resources, and support necessary to perform their duties as safely as possible.

The Maintenance Department successfully upgraded the facility's exterior lighting with energy-efficient LED fixtures. While these improvements enhance the appearance and functionality of our facility, their greatest value is the increased visibility and added safety and security they provide for our staff, visitors, and the individuals in our custody. These improvements are another example of our commitment to providing our employees with a safe and professional workplace.

MRRJ was also fortunate to be awarded a Wellness Grant to purchase four (4) massage chairs and a Meditation Pod for staff. The response from employees has been overwhelmingly positive, with staff making excellent use of these resources. These wellness initiatives have provided meaningful opportunities for employees to relax, recharge, and focus on their overall well-being, while also contributing positively to staff morale and workplace satisfaction. **Investing in our employees is not simply an expense—it is an investment in the strength, morale, and future of MRRJ.**

The MRRJ Food Service Department has done an outstanding job of providing high-quality, nutritious meals for our offenders while continually going above and beyond to enhance the dining experience for our staff. Through their ongoing efforts to develop and expand the staff menu, they provide an exceptional variety of choices that are truly second to none.

The quality, presentation, and especially the extraordinary taste of the meals prepared by our Food Service Department sets MRRJ apart from other facilities. Their dedication, creativity, and commitment to excellence are evident in every meal they prepare. The exceptional selection and outstanding flavor of their food are something that no other facility can come close to providing.

As Superintendent, I want the MRRJ Team to know that **I see their efforts, I recognize their sacrifices, and I genuinely appreciate what they do.** Correctional work is not easy. It requires professionalism, patience, courage, accountability, and a willingness to put others before yourself. Many of the things that are accomplished each day may never make the news or receive public recognition, but they are noticed and they matter.

I am extremely proud to serve alongside this team and proud of what we have accomplished together. These achievements belong to **the entire MRRJ Team**. Every employee plays an important role in our success, and every employee should take pride in knowing that their work contributes to making Meherrin River Regional Jail a safer, stronger, and more professional organization.

I am thankful for their dedication, sacrifices, and continued commitment to MRRJ. Most importantly, I am thankful for what they do every day. The MRRJ Team is valued, respected, and appreciated.

With appreciation,

Rodney Jacobs

Rodney Jacobs, Superintendent

Vision, Mission, & Core Values

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Meherrin River Regional Jail to be stewards of our community with the highest regard to integrity and excellence. To promote positive growth for both the staff and the offenders entrusted to our care, to be proactive, seeking innovative correctional and rehabilitative practices that hold offenders accountable, and to assist offenders in becoming productive law-abiding citizens.

Mission Statement

The Meherrin River Regional Jail shall promote the safety and protection of the citizens within Brunswick, Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg counties by safely securing criminal offenders at the confines of our facilities. We shall strive to maintain programs and various opportunities for offenders to improve their character and morale to reduce recidivism statistics within our surrounding communities. We further strive to effectively and evenhandedly respect each offender in efforts for rehabilitation and education of skills to assist him/her upon reentry into society. Our entire staff is dedicated to the safety and security of each offender during the period of incarceration adhering to all policies and procedures of the Meherrin River Regional Jail.

Core Values

Public Safety:	Protect the public, staff and offenders through the highest degree of professional performance at all times
Integrity:	Promote a jail environment that is consistent with human dignity and one that is free from personal prejudices and discrimination
Fairness:	Treat all employees, the public and offenders with fairness, honesty, consideration and dignity while recognizing diversity
Commitment:	Operate the regional jail in an efficient and cost effective manner without jeopardizing the Jail's mission
Professionalism:	Exhibit the highest degree of ethical behavior, professional excellence, quality and competence in all that we do

Facility Overview

Rodney Jacobs	Brent Wright	Cliff Allen
Superintendent	Major of Administration & Support	Major of Security & Operations

The Meherrin River Regional Jail has two facilities. The main facility is located in Alberta, Virginia and the satellite facility is located in Boydton, Virginia.

The Alberta facility is comprised of 156,643 square feet with a total of 697 beds, consisting of 596 general-purpose beds, a 32 bed work release center, a 6 bed medical housing unit, a 12 bed center for offender intake, a 12 bed center for transport offenders, a 5 bed center for offender classification, and 34 special management cells. In addition to the housing units, the jail has an administrative section, central control section, general library, law library, kitchen, laundry and separate training room for staff. The housing unit design of the jail provides 5 female units. This allows for separate housing for protective custody, administrative segregation, disciplinary problem offenders, female work release offenders and general population female offenders. There are 9 general population units for the male offenders and 1 male work release unit.

The Alberta facility's medical housing unit has 4 examination rooms, a dental laboratory, 3 individual cells and a 3 bed medical ward for offenders who require special medical attention. Two of the cells are designated to house offenders with highly contagious conditions.

The satellite facility in Boydton is comprised of 40,095 square feet with a total of 115 beds, consisting of 76 general-purpose beds, a 24 bed work release center, a 4 bed medical housing unit, a 7 bed center for offender intake, and 4 special management cells. In addition to the housing units, the jail has an administrative section, central control section, general library, law library, kitchen, laundry and separate training room for staff. The housing unit design of the jail provides 1 female unit for female work release offenders. There are 7 general population units for male offenders and 1 male work release unit.

The Boydton facility's medical housing unit has 1 examination room, 1 individual cell and a 3 bed medical ward for offenders who require special medical attention. The operational design of both facilities is state-of-the-art. Both facilities have numerous electronic systems throughout the facility, including a computerized Digital Optical Fingerprint Capture Machine (Cross Match Live Scan System), a Video Visitation System which also allows for Internet Visits, Tablets and Stationary Kiosks for offenders to visit with family/friends, a computerized Jail Management System for booking, tracking and release of offenders and a sophisticated computer network system.

All doors throughout Meherrin River Regional Jail have electronic locks and are controlled and operated by an officer assigned to Central Control. This officer controls access to all areas of the jail via cameras and intercoms. It is impossible for a person to enter or move throughout the facility without the knowledge of the officer in Central Control.

Administration

Finance

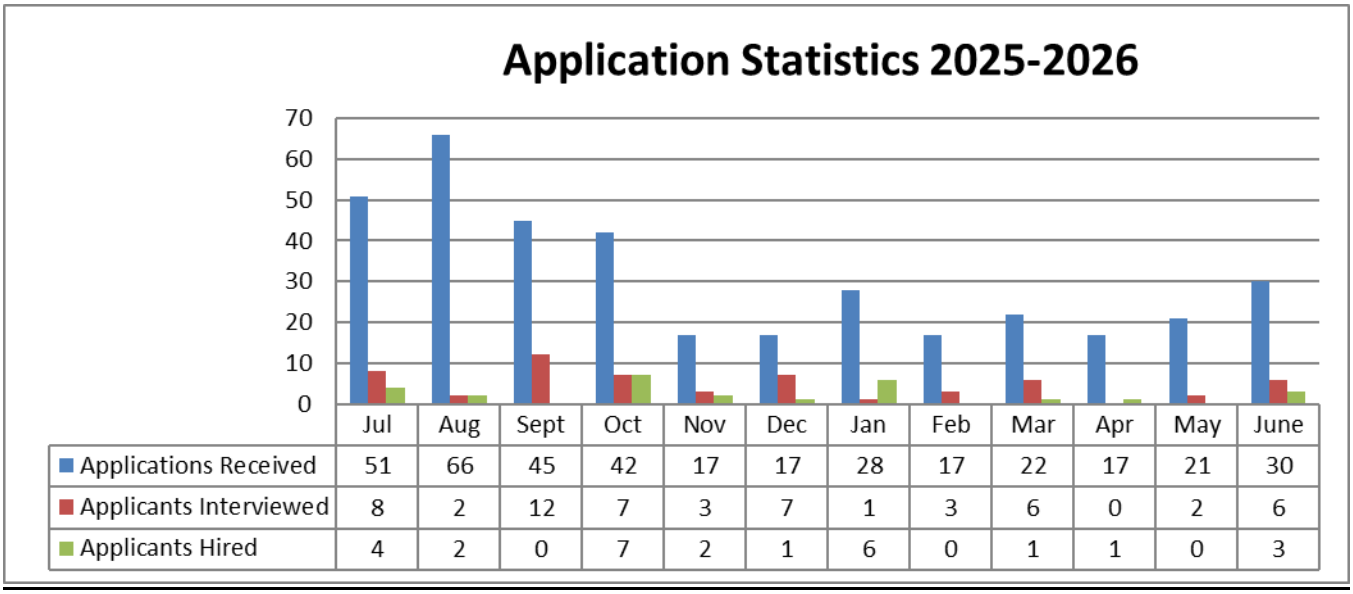
The Meherrin River Regional Jail's Finance Department consists of a Director of Finance, a Human Resource Analyst, an Accountant, and an Account Clerk. This department is responsible for the Jail's annual budget, procurement, financial transactions and reporting, and the recruitment, screening, and hiring of all Meherrin River Regional Jail employees.

The Finance Director oversees the daily operations of the Finance Department by supervising and assisting the Human Resource Analyst, Accountant, and Account Clerk with their various responsibilities. One of the most important responsibilities of the Finance Director is development of the Jail's annual budget. The budget affects every division within the Jail and each division depends on the Finance Director to include the funding required for its daily operations in the Jail's budget. Other responsibilities of the Finance Director include assisting the Jail's auditors with the annual external audit of the Jail's financial records, preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, preparing the annual budget document in compliance with GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award, purchasing and procurement of all Jail resources, development and review of all financial policies, preparing monthly financial reports, as well as presenting financial updates to Board Members at quarterly Board Meetings.

The Human Resource Analyst is primarily responsible for the Payroll and Human Resource functions of the Jail. Payroll duties of the Human Resource Analyst include maintaining accurate personnel records; processing semi-monthly payroll for all employees at both facilities; tracking employee overtime, leave balances, and merit and benchmark increases; and processing the Jail's monthly salary reimbursement submissions to the Virginia Compensation Board. Human Resource duties include scheduling interviews; making employment offers; conducting new employee orientations; processing performance evaluations; administering employee health and benefit plans; processing new hire and separation paperwork; and keeping staff aware of changes in the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Unemployment Compensation laws, and all labor and employment laws.

The Accountant is primarily responsible for assisting with the preparation of the Jail's annual budget, daily & monthly financial transactions, procurement of all Jail resources, human resource functions, and other special projects as assigned by the Finance Director. This position also serves as the Records Retention Coordinator for the Jail.

The Account Clerk is primarily responsible for processing the day to day transactions of offender trust accounts, including billings and payments received, at the Alberta and Mecklenburg facilities. This position is also responsible for recording the daily financial transactions of the Jail including processing payments received and accounts payable for both facilities.



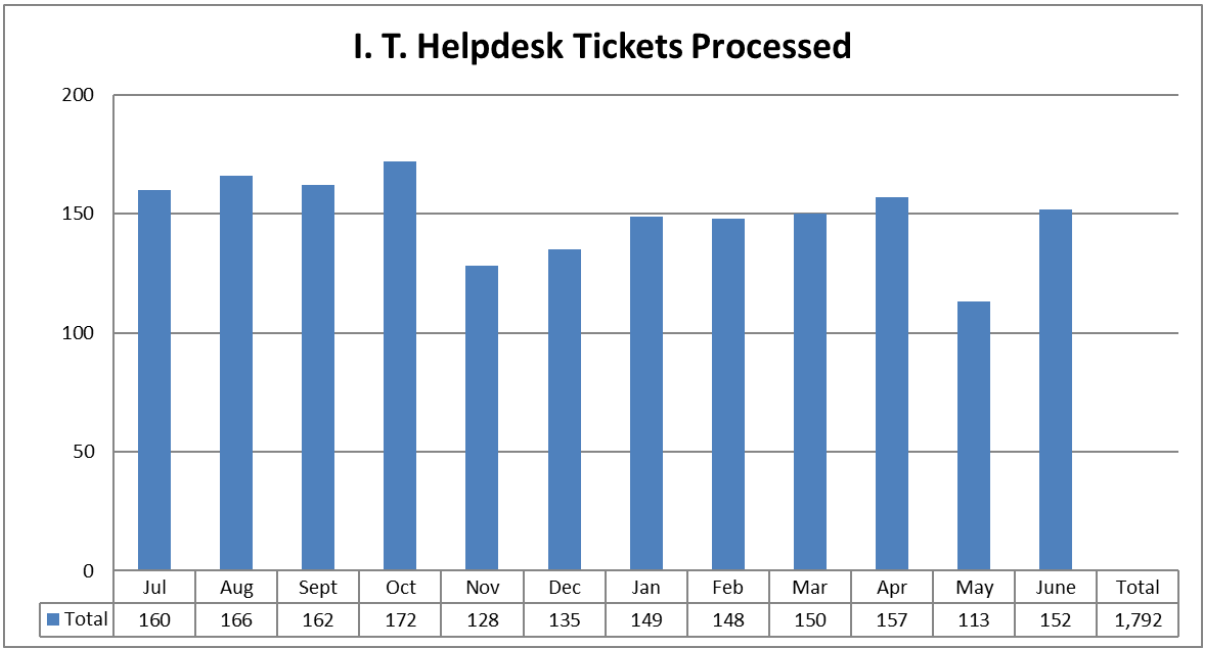
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Applications Received	51	66	45	42	17	17	28	17	22	17	21	30
Applicants Interviewed	8	2	12	7	3	7	1	3	6	0	2	6
Applicants Hired	4	2	0	7	2	1	6	0	1	1	0	3

Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) Department at Meherrin River Regional Jail maintains all information technology-related systems for both the Alberta and Mecklenburg facilities. The department is responsible for all of the computer-related equipment, network and servers, offender management system, staff telephone and voice mail, inmate telephones, visitation equipment, copiers, and inmate TV programming. The IT Department also ensures that inmate information is passed between the various systems for continuity.

The IT Department is staffed with one IT Director and one full-time IT Technician who support both facilities. The main goal of the department is to ensure that our users have the technology needed to carry out their duties and to support the overall goals of the Jail in a cost-effective manner.

Over the past year our bigger projects including expanding our off-site backups to include the financial system and migrated to new email protection platform improving spam detection and overall email security along with email encryption.



	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
Total	160	166	162	172	128	135	149	148	150	157	113	152	1,792

Training

The Training Department is operated under the supervision of the Training Lieutenant and the Training Sergeant. The Training Department is responsible for scheduling and conducting classes that benefit Jail staff, as well as ensuring compliance with Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and ACA requirements.

New employees are placed in an extensive on-the-job-training (OJT) program, which is broken into two phases. The first phase of the program requires each new officer to complete forty-eight (48) hours of training, which is conducted through classroom lecture and simulated exercises under the guidance of DCJS certified instructors. This training includes CPR, Basic First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogens Certifications. During this section of training there is great emphasis placed on the importance of report writing and the documentation of incidents that occur in MRRJ. In addition to the new officer OJT program, we have a civilian OJT program that includes any training material that the employee would need to successfully and safely interact with the offender population if needed, along with position specific training within their department.

The second phase consists of actual, on post "real world training" in which the new officer first shadows an experienced Field Training Officer (FTO) and then operates the unit under the supervision of the FTO. This training takes a minimum of 3 weeks to complete and is highly beneficial, not only to the new officers, but also to the experienced staff and the offenders in the facility as it produces a more competent and consistent officer. If an officer is in training and they and/or the FTO feel additional training is needed, that opportunity is provided to that officer. The OJT/FTO program is in addition to the 448 hours of academy training new staff will undergo in their first year of employment.

Our new hire training program has been very successful with preparing our staff for their position's specific job duties. In FY26 we had 27 new employees start and successfully complete the OJT program. Of the 27 new hires, 23 were sworn officers and 4 were civilians.

During FY26, 15 Jail Officers were sent to Crater Criminal Justice Academy to attend the DCJS Basic Jailor Academy. Thirteen officers successfully completed the Basic Jailor Academy and were certified as Jail Officers. After completing the academy, the officers' training continued for an additional 64 hours that MRRJ requires beyond the DCJS requirements.

Certified staff are required to complete 24 DCJS hours every two years. The Training Department ensures this is completed by scheduling and conducting In-Service Training. To accomplish this, the Training Department first looks at the needs of the facility and then develops and performs revisions to lesson plans to ensure up-to-date information is taught to the staff. Through our partnership with the Crater Criminal Justice Academy, specialized training is provided to staff as needed. With the continuing use of roll-call training and supplemental topics added during annual qualifications, our staff has exceeded DCJS requirements. Currently, the Training Department is performing In-Service Training online and through classroom sessions. This allows

us to maintain training, educate staff, as well as decrease the amount of time officers are away from their duties.

Along with DCJS required training hours, MRRJ conducts an additional 8 hours of training for all sworn staff. This training includes Suicide Prevention, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), Drug Use Awareness, Emergency Procedures & Fire Extinguisher Use, Proper Lifting Techniques, and Firearms Training & Qualification (certified staff only). Through our contract with Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy and partnership with Virginia Department of Behavioral Health we have also been able to send staff to specialty trainings. Twenty-three supervisory staff attended Basic Gang Investigations and 5 certified officers completed Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The Training Department also ensures that civilian staff and contract employees, having regular or daily contact with offenders, receive training on relative topics concerning their individual job needs.

The Training Department strives to promote a positive image for MRRJ and provide an understanding to all employees on the importance of following policy.

The Training Department maintains communication with the American Correctional Association, the Virginia Department of Corrections, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and has a mutually beneficial training relationship with the Brunswick, Dinwiddie, and Mecklenburg Sheriff's Offices, Lawrenceville Police Department, South Hill Police Department, Virginia State Police, and Crater Criminal Justice Academy, which allows for a greater scope of training for our staff.

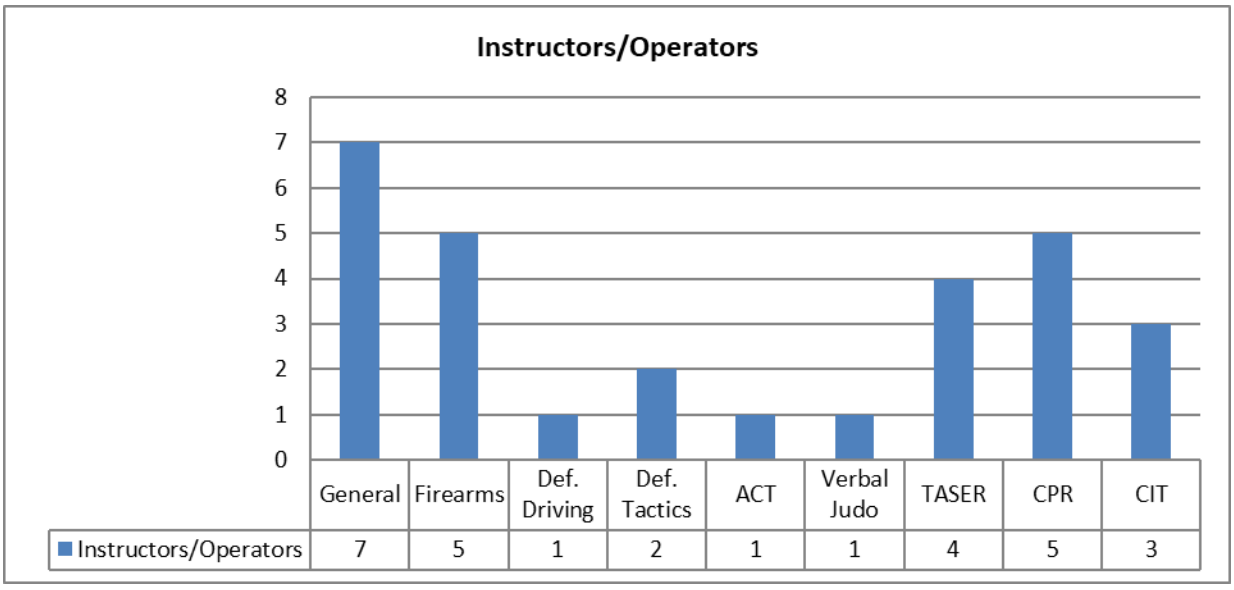
Effective instructors play a vital role to the Training Department; the department benefits from its 7 General Instructors, 5 Firearms Instructors, 1 Defensive Driving Instructor, 2 Defensive Tactics Instructors, 1 Advanced Control Tactics Instructor, 1 Verbal Judo Instructor, 4 TASER Instructors, 5 American Health & Safety Institute First Aid / CPR Instructors and 3 Crisis Intervention Team Instructors. The Training Department is currently seeking additional officers that meet the qualifications to become DCJS Instructors. The increased number of instructors will not only assist at MRRJ but will also assist at Crater Criminal Justice Academy. The Training Department is always looking for qualified officers that have expressed an interest in becoming an instructor. When the Training Department feels an individual would be an asset to MRRJ that officer is recruited and encouraged to become an instructor.

To assist in effective facility operations, the Training Department has ensured the continued certification of 30 VCIN operators.

Over the next year, the annual MRRJ in-service will remain at 8 hour sessions. This will allow for firearms training, updates on use of force standards, PREA training, and emergency procedures. We will also review and discuss defensive tactics, along with the importance of Interpersonal Communication Skills (IPC). Suicide Awareness training will include proper utilization of the Cut-Down Tool in emergency situations if an offender has attempted suicide and proper procedure to follow in the event of both successful and unsuccessful attempts.

The Firearms Training Center has been very valuable in allowing the firearms instructors to work with officers that need additional training for qualifications. Realistic training is completed using firearms training simulation and role-playing scenarios, which allow the officers to experience real life situations. The state-of-the-art Firearms Training Facility is a great asset to all personnel that utilize it. The Firearms Training Facility allows instructors to train officers in a setting where split second decisions must be made in a training environment and assists officers when faced with a high stress situation. The Firearms Training Facility helps officers gain confidence in what they have been taught and allows MRRJ to build on the officers' fundamental skills and decision making. This facility is used frequently by our facility, along with Brunswick, Dinwiddie, and Mecklenburg County Sheriffs' Offices.

MRRJ has continued to see a higher initial qualification pass rate with the GLOCK 19, particularly among officers who previously struggled to qualify. Officers attribute this improvement to the GLOCK's ease of use, which has encouraged them to take more initiative in training and gain a better understanding of their weapon.



Safety & Standards

The Safety and Standards Department is responsible for ensuring the Jail is in compliance with all internal and external audits. All departments contribute significantly to the audits that we undergo annually and/or every three years. These audits consist of the following:

- PREA with a total of 45 standards
- DOC with a total of 123 standards
- Virginia State Fire Marshall's Inspection

In addition, the Safety and Standards Compliance Technician is to ensure the safety and security of the Jail which includes staff and offenders. The Safety and Standards Compliance Technician serves as the PREA Compliance Manager and Offender ADA Coordinator for Meherrin River Regional Jail. The Safety and Standards Compliance Technician works very closely with the Captain of Security, who is the PREA Coordinator and with the Administrative Investigator, who serves as the PREA Investigator for the Jail. Meherrin River Regional Jail has a ZERO TOLERANCE for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment against staff and/or offenders.

The Jail must comply with all Federal, State and Local Laws pertaining to the statutes concerning prisons and Jails, OSHA Regulations, Fire Codes, Key Control, Fire Extinguisher and Emergency Lighting. The Safety and Standards Compliance Technician assists in conducting all audits in Alberta and Mecklenburg. Audits are to help the Jail to become the best that we can be, to be number one, and rise above the rest. With that being said, there are times when we have to implement corrective and preventive actions due to audit findings. These actions only make us better.

The Safety and Standards Department is staffed with one Safety and Standards Compliance Technician who has the goal of ensuring the Jail is audit ready at all times.

Security Division



Lt. Joshua Carr has built his career with Meherrin River Regional Jail through continued growth, dedication, and a commitment to learning. He began his career as a Correctional Officer and has steadily progressed through the ranks, serving as Sergeant before advancing to his current position as Lieutenant. Throughout his career, each role has provided new challenges and opportunities that have helped strengthen his knowledge, leadership skills, and professional development.

Lt. Carr credits much of his growth to the training, experience, and guidance he has received from fellow officers, peers, and supervisors throughout his career. He is grateful for those who have shared their knowledge, challenged him to grow, and helped shape his approach to leadership.

One of the most valuable lessons Lt. Carr has learned is that a supervisor's success is closely connected to the people he or she leads. He takes great pride in working alongside an outstanding group of officers who consistently demonstrate teamwork, professionalism, accountability, and a willingness to support one another. He recognizes that the accomplishments of his shift are the result of a collective effort and credits his team's hard work and dedication as an important part of his own development as a supervisor.

Lt. Carr remains appreciative of the opportunities MRRJ has provided throughout his career and believes there is always more to learn. As he continues to grow professionally, his goals include strengthening his leadership abilities and investing in the development of those around him. Just as others have provided guidance and encouragement throughout his career, Lt. Carr hopes to provide the same support and opportunities to officers as they work toward achieving their own professional goals and advancing in their careers.



Willie Cannon is a lifelong resident of Mecklenburg County. He began his career with Meherrin River Regional Jail on December 9, 2024, and successfully completed his Jailor Academy Certification in December 2025.

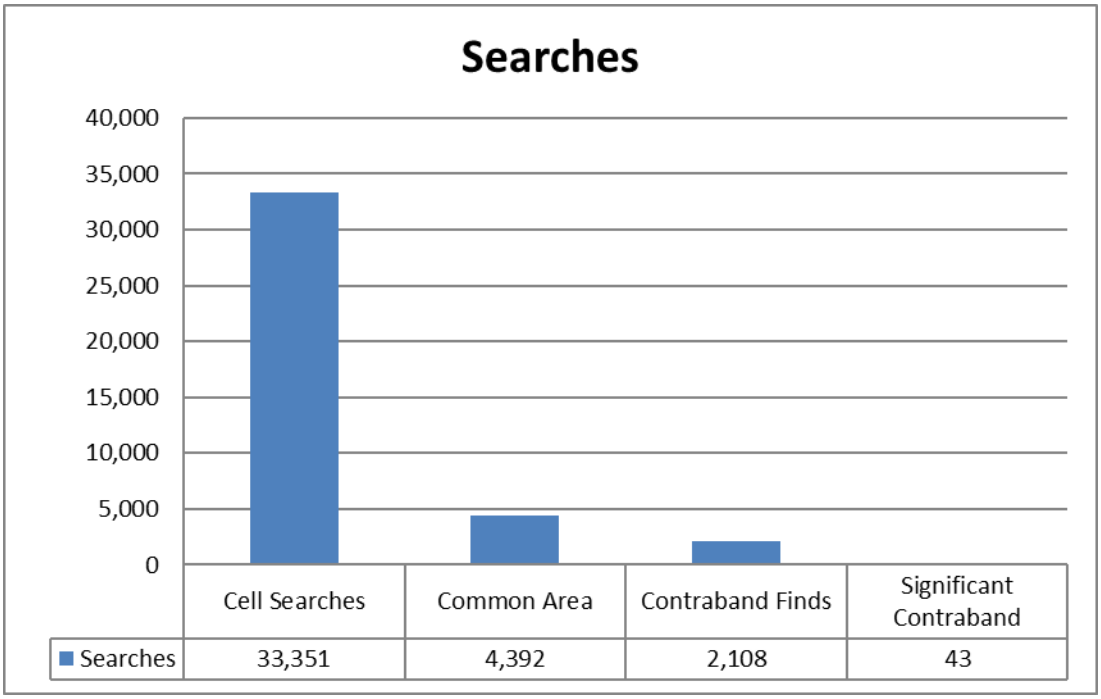
In recognition of his dedication and exemplary performance, Officer Cannon was named Employee of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 2025. He is a committed and hardworking employee who consistently strives to perform at his best. Known for his strong work ethic and pride in his role, Officer Cannon is honored to be part of the MRRJ family and especially proud to work alongside such a great team.

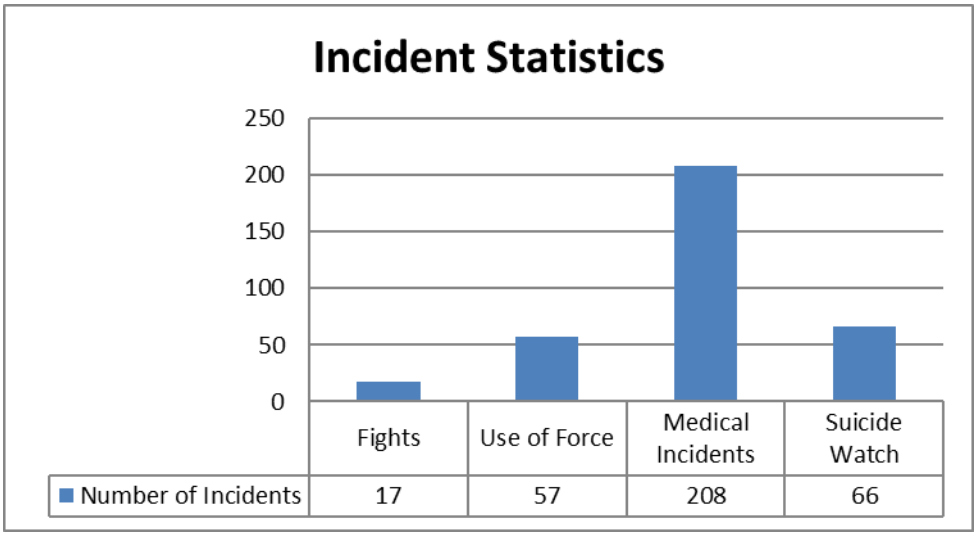
Officer Cannon looks forward to continuing his professional and personal growth with Meherrin River Regional Jail. He remains dedicated to serving his community with integrity, professionalism, and a commitment to excellence.

Alberta Facility

The Security Division is responsible for the health, safety, security and welfare of the offenders incarcerated at the Meherrin River Regional Jail. The Security Division are the police officers of this internal community. It is their mission to ensure public safety by keeping those individuals incarcerated under law, separate from society and protecting those incarcerated from each other. The facility has **16** housing units, with the total facility holding an average of **223** offenders. The Security Division manages this community with Officers assigned to units, Officers patrolling units, and **1** Sergeant, and **1** Lieutenant supervising the security team. Each shift maintains Officers, **1** Sergeant and **1** Lieutenant. There are **4** teams operating on 12 hour shifts from 0600-1800 hrs. and 1800-0600 hrs. Each team reports 30 minutes prior to the start of the shift for a formal briefing and training period. The rotation schedule of the shifts is a motivating factor for the staff.

Performing these duties involves continuous searching, controlling, policing, guiding and providing structure to the unstructured. F rom July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, the Officers of the Meherrin River Regional Jail successfully conducted **33,351** cell searches and **4,392** common area searches. Of these searches, **2,108** netted nuisance contraband items. These searches also netted **43** significant contraband items such as drugs, lighters, cigarettes, etc. In the policing of the units, there were **17** fights, **57** uses of force, and **208** recorded medical incidents. We initiated **66** suicide watches during this year.




Incident Statistics
250
200
150
100
50
0
Fights
Use of Force
Medical Incidents
Suicide Watch
Number of Incidents
17
57
208
66

Support

Programs

The Meherrin River Regional Jail is committed to offering a wide range of rehabilitative and educational programs to support offender growth, development, and successful reintegration into society. The Programs Department continuously explores innovative ways to enhance service delivery, including the use of WEBEX video conferencing, to increase access to qualified instructors and program availability.

Available Programs and Services:

- **Religious Services:** Bible Study sessions
- **Legal & Educational Resources:** Access to the law library and general library
- **Educational Programs:**
  - Special Education
  - GED Program (Eligibility based on T.A.B.E. test scores; available to those without a GED or high school diploma)
- **Behavioral and Life Skills Development:**
  - Anger Management
  - Life Skills
  - Parenting Classes
  - Re-Entry Preparation
- **Mental Health & Wellness:**
  - Depression and Anxiety Classes
  - Substance Abuse Education and Treatment
- **Creative and Therapeutic Activities:**
  - Art Classes

GED Program Details:

Offenders interested in the GED program must not currently possess a GED or high school diploma. Eligible offenders will be administered the Test of Adult Basic Education (T.A.B.E.), and admission to the GED program will be determined based on their test scores.

The Programs Technician is responsible for the oversight, coordination, and administration of all offender programs and clerical services, ensuring consistency, quality, and accessibility across the facility.

During the 2025–2026 fiscal year, a total of 15 offenders participated in the GED Program.

Life Skills, Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Anxiety & Parenting Programs

At Meherrin River Regional Jail, we believe that preparing offenders for successful reintegration into society is a vital part of the correctional process. Our Programs Department offers a variety of structured group sessions that focus on education, behavior modification, emotional wellness, and life skills.

Life Skills Program

Offenders participate in a six-week Life Skills Program, which covers essential topics to help prepare them for life after incarceration. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate of achievement.

Topics covered include:

- Employment preparation
- Credit history and credit card management
- Personal budgeting and financial literacy
- Resume writing
- Education and college planning

Substance Abuse and Anger Management Program

This program is open to all offenders at MRRJ and is designed to provide education, support, and coping strategies for those struggling with:

- Drug and alcohol addictions
- Anger and aggression issues

Parenting

Focuses on the responsibilities of raising and nurturing children, and addresses common parenting challenges.

Anxiety

Designed to help participants understand the root causes of anxiety, develop coping mechanisms, and build resilience.

All sessions are led by facilitators with counseling experience and/or specialized training in their subject areas.

A total of 209 offenders took part in various educational and rehabilitative programs during the 2025–2026 fiscal year — a reflection of MRRJ's continued commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for growth and change.

Religious Services

Chaplain Joey Hanel joined the Meherrin River Regional Jail team as Chaplain in March 2021. Since then, he has been a dedicated spiritual support adviser to offenders, offering individual visits upon request and leading faith-based recovery initiatives.

One of the cornerstone programs he oversees is Celebrate Recovery Inside, a Religious Addiction Recovery Program that brings hope and healing through faith. This program is an extension of the nationally recognized Celebrate Recovery Ministry, founded by John and Cheryl Baker of Saddleback Valley Community Church in Lake Forest, California. The program encourages fellowship, accountability, and personal transformation through the healing power of Christ.

"Lives are changed as experiences, strengths, and hopes are shared with one another. Individuals become willing to accept God's grace and forgiveness in solving life's problems."

At MRRJ, Celebrate Recovery Inside is offered as an 8-week course designed to introduce offenders to the foundational principles of the program. Each week, participants receive instruction, peer support, and accountability—essential components for overcoming life-controlling issues.

Course Highlights:

- Weekly guided sessions led by Chaplain Hanel
- Focus on healing from addiction, trauma, and destructive habits
- Spiritual support and encouragement
- Peer accountability and community-building

While the 8-week course covers only a portion of the broader Celebrate Recovery curriculum, it serves as a powerful starting point for offenders seeking lasting change. The program also prepares individuals for a successful transition back into the community by offering ongoing spiritual and emotional support.

Upon Completion, Offenders Receive:

- A Certificate of Completion
- A Celebrate Recovery Inside Study Bible
- A list of additional recovery resources, upon request

During the 2025–2026 fiscal year, a total of 24 offenders enrolled in and completed the Celebrate Recovery Inside program at MRRJ. In addition, 549 offenders participated in Bible Study.

This program continues to make a meaningful impact, providing offenders with a path toward healing, self-discovery, and becoming productive, upstanding members of the community.

Re-Entry, Substance Education & Treatment (R.E.S.E.T)

In November 2024, Meherrin River Regional Jail introduced the R.E.S.E.T. Program, a rehabilitative initiative facilitated by Southside Behavioral Health. This program is designed to help offenders successfully reintegrate into the community by connecting them with essential support services prior to release.

The primary objective of R.E.S.E.T. is to reduce recidivism by equipping individuals with the tools and resources needed to maintain stability and independence after incarceration.

Program Components:

Participants receive assistance in establishing access to a variety of community-based services, including:

- Medication Management
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Skill-Building Services
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Substance Abuse Treatment and Support

By addressing both mental health and practical re-entry needs, R.E.S.E.T. empowers participants to make sustainable life changes and avoid future involvement with the criminal justice system.

During the 2025–2026 fiscal year, a total of 222 offenders enrolled in the R.E.S.E.T. Program.

This initiative marks a significant step in our ongoing efforts to support offender rehabilitation and ensure long-term success beyond incarceration.

Special Education

Meherrin River Regional Jail offers state-mandated special education services to offenders between the ages of 18 and 21 who have identified special education needs and express a desire to further their education.

These educational services are delivered in collaboration with Brunswick County Public Schools, whose certified teachers provide individualized instruction tailored to meet each student's learning needs.

This program ensures that eligible young adults continue to receive the academic support and opportunities required by law, helping them work toward educational goals that support long-term personal and professional development.

Library Services

At Meherrin River Regional Jail, offenders have access to a variety of reading materials and legal research tools to support both recreational reading and legal education.

Reading Materials:

Offenders are provided access to a wide range of facility-approved e-books through secure tablets, in addition to physical books available through the Jail's on-site library.

Each facility also receives a selection of newspapers and magazines on a regular basis:

- **Alberta Facility:**
  - *The Brunswick Times-Gazette*
  - *Time Magazine*
  - *Sports Illustrated*
  - *Good Housekeeping*

- **Mecklenburg Facility:**
  - *The Mecklenburg Sun*
  - *Time Magazine*
  - *Sports Illustrated*

These materials offer a mix of current events, entertainment, and educational content, promoting literacy and constructive use of time.

Law Library Services:

Offenders who wish to research legal matters related to their cases have access to law library services through the jail's secure tablet system. The law library includes LexisNexis legal research software, allowing offenders to:

- Conduct case law research
- Review statutes and legal procedures
- Access legal references and court decisions

This resource ensures that offenders are empowered to understand and participate in their legal proceedings, consistent with their constitutional rights.

Clerical Services

Meherrin River Regional Jail provides clerical support services to all offenders housed at the facility. These services are designed to assist offenders in managing personal and legal matters during their incarceration.

Available services include:

- Notarization of documents
- Photocopying of legal materials
- Distribution of legal forms

These services are coordinated through the Programs Department and are intended to ensure offenders have the necessary tools to navigate legal processes and maintain essential documentation.

Indoor Recreation Games

Meherrin River Regional Jail offers indoor recreation opportunities to promote physical activity, mental well-being, and positive social interaction among offenders.

Recreational games available in the indoor recreation room include:

- Cornhole
- Badminton
- Basketball

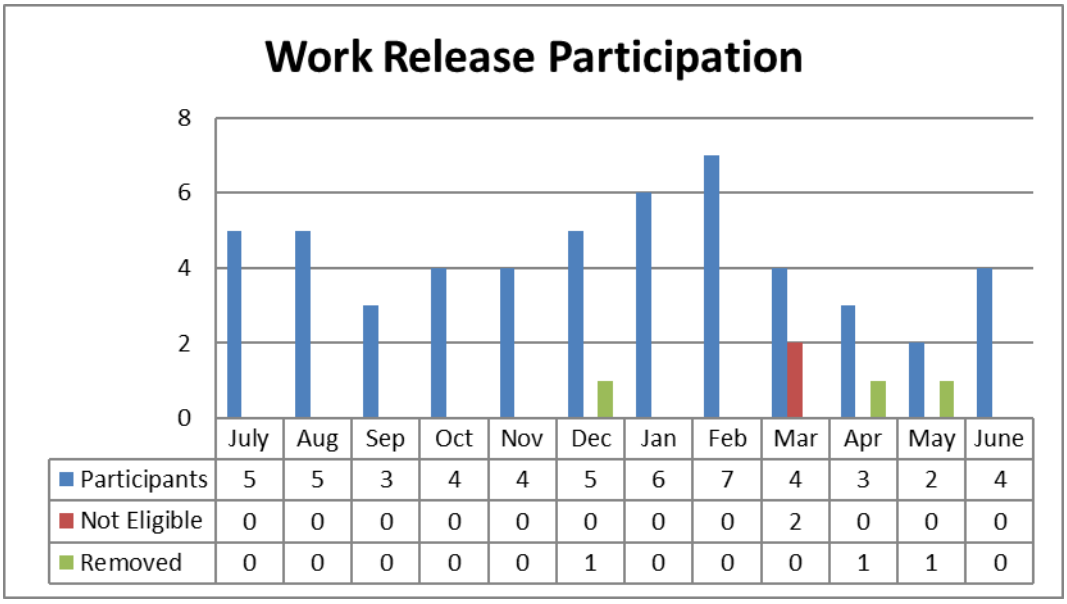
Each housing unit is scheduled for recreation once per week, with top and bottom tiers rotating weekly to ensure fair and consistent access for all offenders.

These activities support overall wellness and provide a constructive outlet within a structured environment.

Work Release

The Meherrin River Regional Jail offers alternate programs to offenders housed within the facility. An example of this type of program is the Work Release Program. The Facility has designated two (2) housing units for offenders placed on the Work Release Program. Housing Unit "WR1" has the capability of housing up to sixteen (16) male participants, and Housing Unit "WR2" has the ability to house up to sixteen (16) female participants. MRRJ Mecklenburg has two (2) designated housing units for offenders placed on the Work Release Program. Housing Unit "WR1" has the capability of housing up to twenty (20) male participants, and Housing Unit "WR2" has the ability to house up to four (4) female participants. Before an offender is placed in the program they are thoroughly screened for eligibility. If the paperwork from the sentencing court notes "Work Release", the Work Release Officer checks the offender's current sentence and severity of the charges, and forwards his/her findings through the chain of command for approval. If the offender has been declared eligible for the program, a check of their criminal history, a drug screening, and full time employment verification is conducted prior to entrance into the program.

The goal of the Work Release program is to prepare offenders for their release back into the community. It helps to reinforce and maintain good work habits, and allows them to continue to provide for their family and/or work to pay court and/or restitution fees. During the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, the facility collected $25,915 from offenders participating in the program to help offset the costs of their incarceration. There were **3** offenders removed from the program for disciplinary violations.



	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Participants	5	5	3	4	4	5	6	7	4	3	2	4
Not Eligible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Removed	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0

Work Force

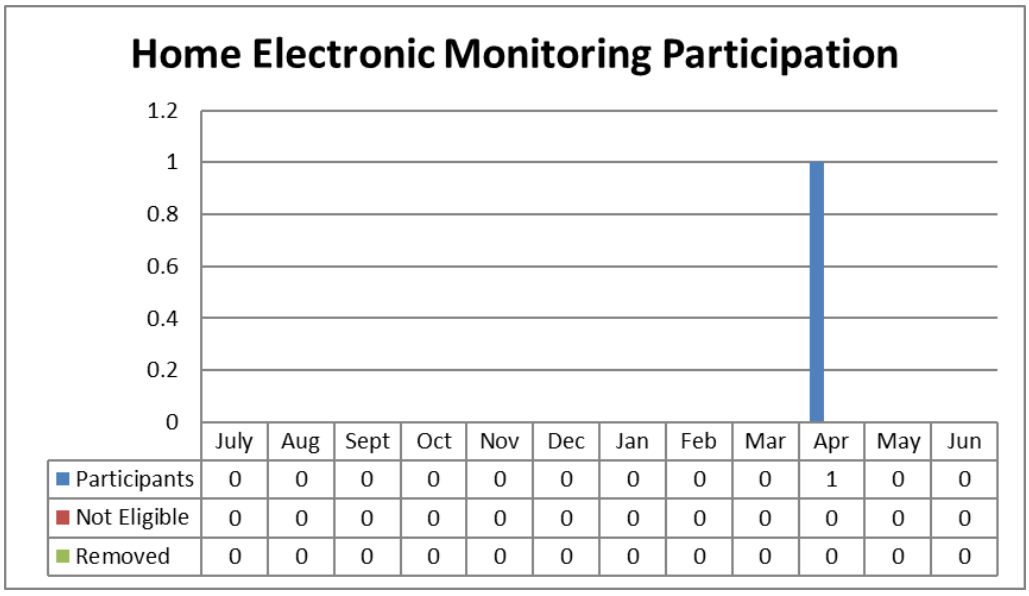
The Meherrin River Regional Jail has 8 offenders designated and approved to work for the localities of Brunswick, Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg. These minimum security offenders maintain the counties' grounds and provide assistance on special jobs that require extra manpower.

The three jurisdictions allow Brunswick, Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg to pick up the offenders Monday through Friday. The selected offenders do not receive any monetary compensation for their work, although they can receive good time off of their jail sentence if they qualify. The Jail also has Officers designated to supervise work force crews to maintain the grounds, the gun range and assist with special projects.

Home Electronic Monitoring Participation

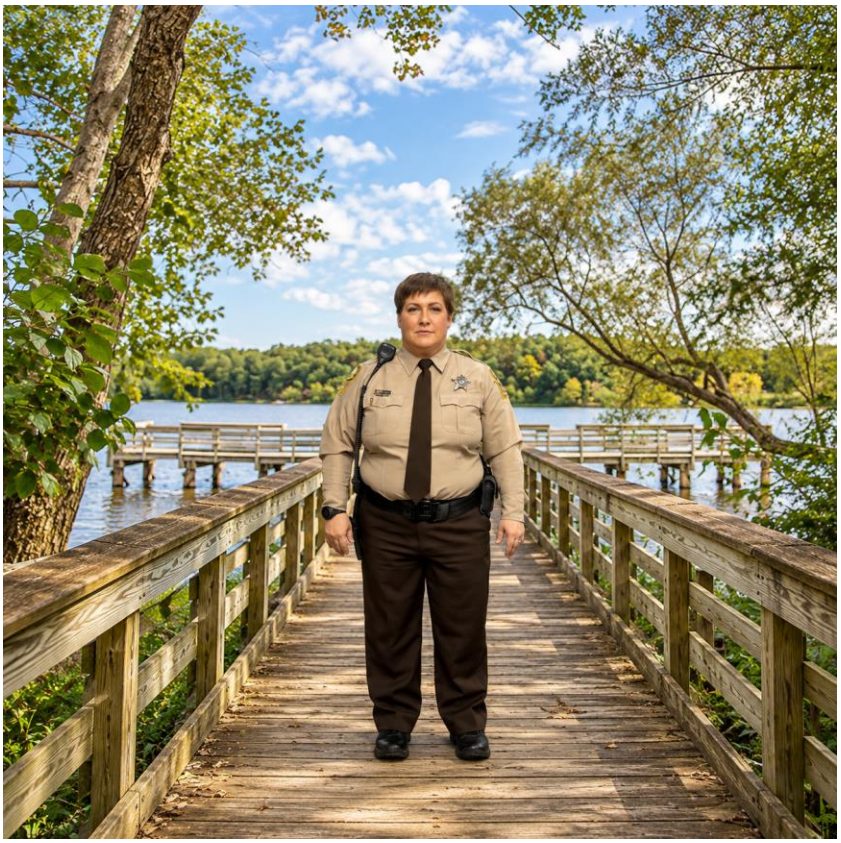
The Home Electronic Monitoring program (HEM) is another example of alternate programs offered to offenders housed within the facility. MRRJ has an agreement with Allied Universal Electronic Monitoring US, Inc. that provides a tamper-proof ankle bracelet that is monitored through a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. Before an offender is placed on the program they are thoroughly screened for eligibility. If the paperwork from the sentencing court notes "Home Electronic Monitoring", the Major of Administration and Support checks the offender's current sentence and severity of the charges, conducts a check of their criminal history, and forwards his/her findings through the chain of command for approval. If the offender has been declared eligible for the program, a drug screening is conducted prior to entrance into the program.

The goal of the Home Electronic Monitoring program is to help reinforce and maintain good work habits. During the fiscal year, we had one offender participating in the HEM program.



	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Not Eligible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Removed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Visitation



Officer Ashly Murphy was a lifelong resident of Franklin County, NC until October 2010 when she moved to Mecklenburg County, VA, where she now lives with her husband whom she has been with for 24 years. Together, they have 1 daughter and 1 son. Officer Murphy comes from a first responder family that began with her grandfather who was a North Carolina Highway Patrolman for 35 years and her father who is a retired paramedic.

Officer Murphy began her career with Meherrin River Regional Jail on July 16th, 2012, and successfully completed her Jailor Academy Certification in October 2012. In recognition of her dedication and exemplary performance, Officer Murphy was named Officer of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2025. She is a committed and hardworking employee who consistently strives to do her best in every situation. Known for her strong work ethic and pride in her role as lobby and visitation officer, she is honored to be part of the MRRJ family and especially proud to work alongside this great team. She looks forward to continuing her career and personal growth within the jail and remains dedicated to serving her community with integrity and professionalism.

Meherrin River Regional Jail encourages each offender to maintain contact with their family and friends through visits. Beginning January 10, 2022, all family and friends visits transitioned over to

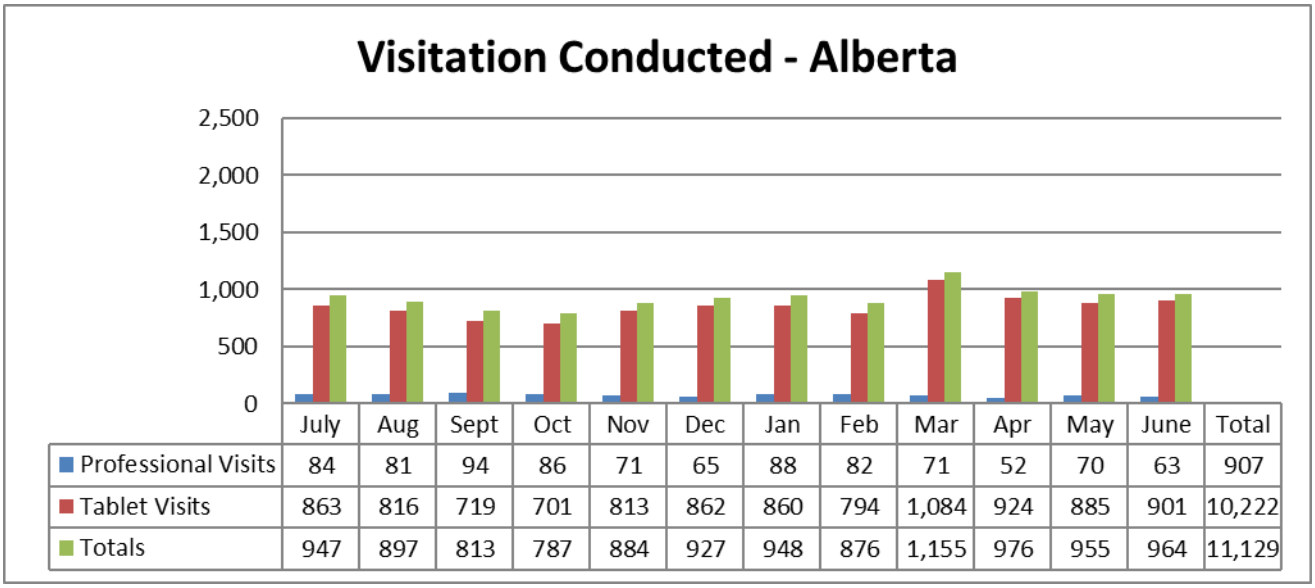
tablets that were issued to each housing unit. Visiting hours were also expanded to cover all housing units including our special management units.

Attorneys are also able to visit their clients through internet visitation, however if they do not have the capability for internet visitation, they are able to meet with their clients on-site.

When the visit begins, the offender and visitors are connected by computer where they can see and talk to each other.

Only law enforcement personnel and attorneys are allowed direct contact visits with offenders. Attorney visits have to be scheduled with the visitation officer and are held in rooms that provide attorney-client privacy.

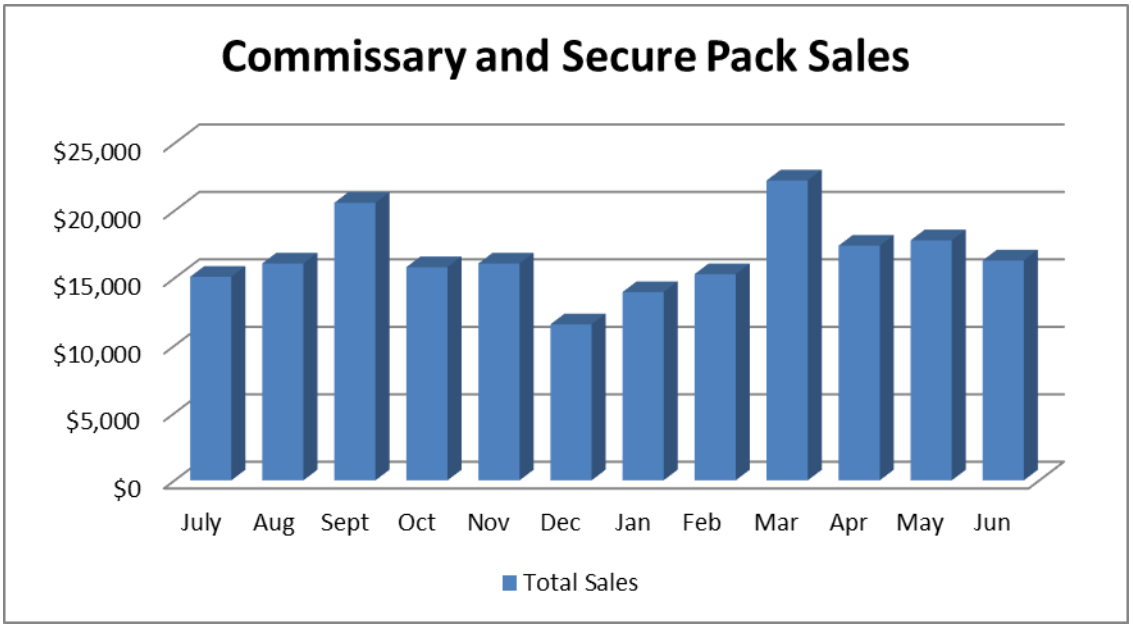
During the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026, there were 11,129 visitors recorded for the Alberta Facility. Of those visits, 907 were professional visits and 10,222 were tablet visits.

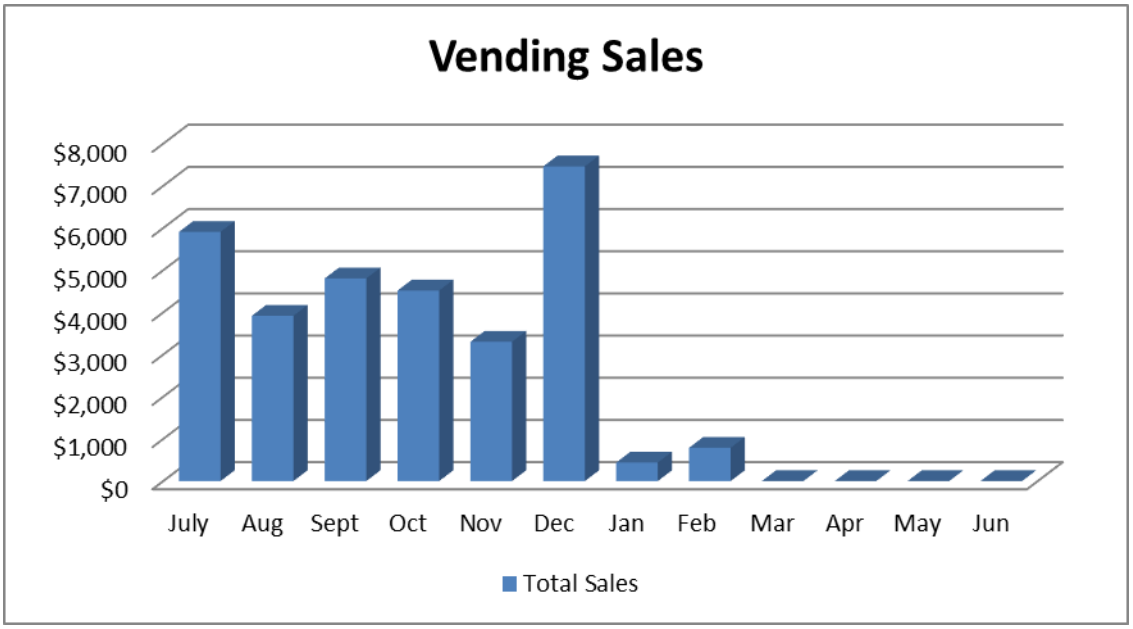


	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
Professional Visits	84	81	94	86	71	65	88	82	71	52	70	63	907
Tablet Visits	863	816	719	701	813	862	860	794	1,084	924	885	901	10,222
Totals	947	897	813	787	884	927	948	876	1,155	976	955	964	11,129

Commissary

During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, Keefe Commissary provided all commissary and vending services to the offender population. When offenders are booked into the facility, any cash they have in their possession is taken by the booking officer, placed in the Kiosk and deposited on the offender's account to be used during the offender's incarceration. Once a week offenders are allowed to purchase items from the jail commissary such as personal hygiene necessities, snacks, and clothing. Family and friends can purchase a Secure Pack once a week that includes personal hygiene necessities and snacks from www.meherrinpackages.com. In addition to the commissary menu and Secure Packs, there are vending machines available for the offenders to use. The vending machines were removed in March as Keefe is transitioning to a Commissary Cart. A Jail ATM kiosk is located in the magistrate lobby so that family and friends may make a deposit for the offender to use when purchasing commissary. Family and friends may also visit www.jailatm.com to make a deposit online using a credit card. The revenue generated from the sale of commissary is used to purchase items such as magazines, newspaper subscriptions, and recreational equipment that benefit the offender population.




Vending Sales
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Food Service Department



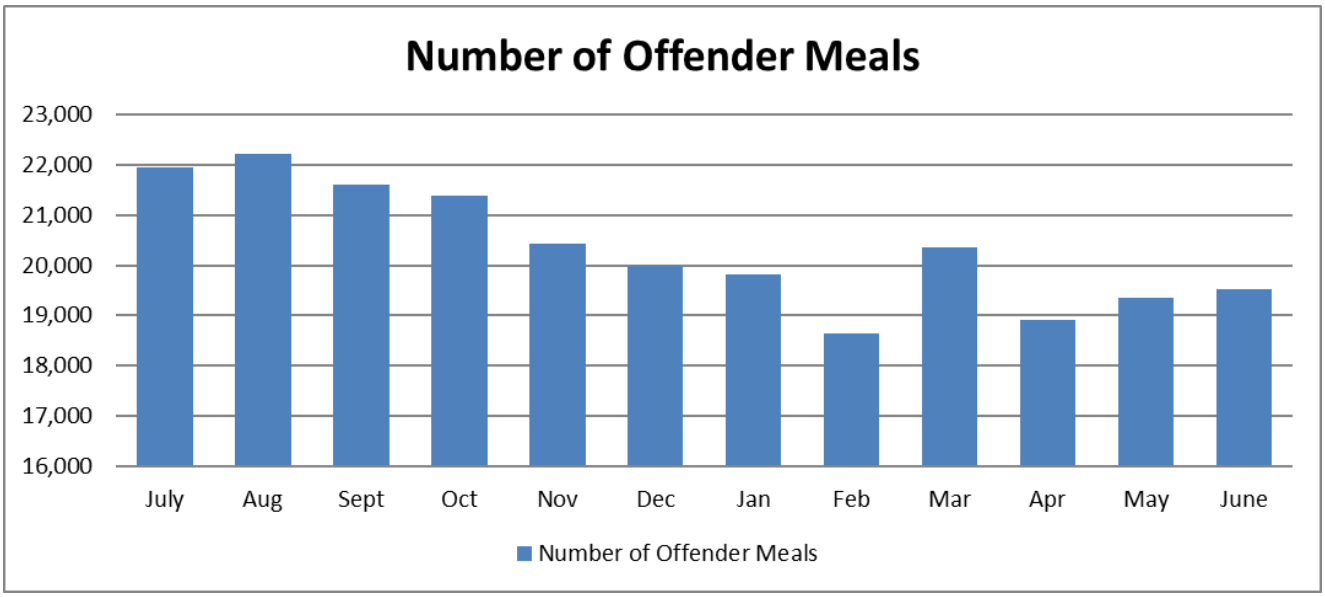
Tarsal Green is a Brunswick County, Virginia resident who has dedicated 14 years of service to Meherrin River Regional Jail. In 2025, her hard work and commitment were recognized when she was named Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter.

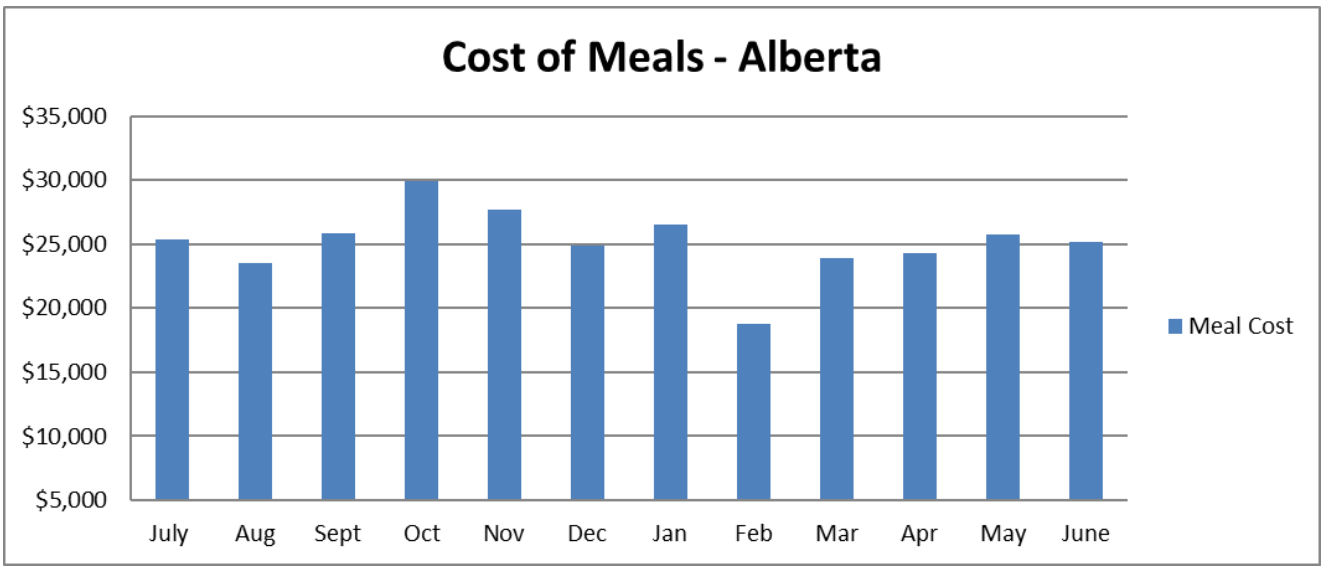
An experienced Food Service Technician, Tarsal plays an important role in the daily operations of the facility's food service department. She thrives in fast-paced environments and is known for bringing a calm, organized, and dependable approach to her work.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Tarsal is a devoted parent of three. Her years of experience, dedication to MRRJ, and ability to remain focused and organized make her a valued member of the Meherrin River Regional Jail team.

The Meherrin River Regional Jail prepares all meals according to the guidelines set forth by the National Academy of Science and a registered dietician. Offender meals are also monitored by the Department of Corrections to ensure they remain compliant with required daily guidelines. The Brunswick County Health Department routinely inspects the kitchen, all kitchen equipment, and storage areas on a semi-annual basis at the Alberta facility and Mecklenburg County Health Department inspects the Mecklenburg facility, to ensure that the facilities meet all standards set forth by the health department.

During July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, 244,188 offender meals were prepared for the Alberta facility.





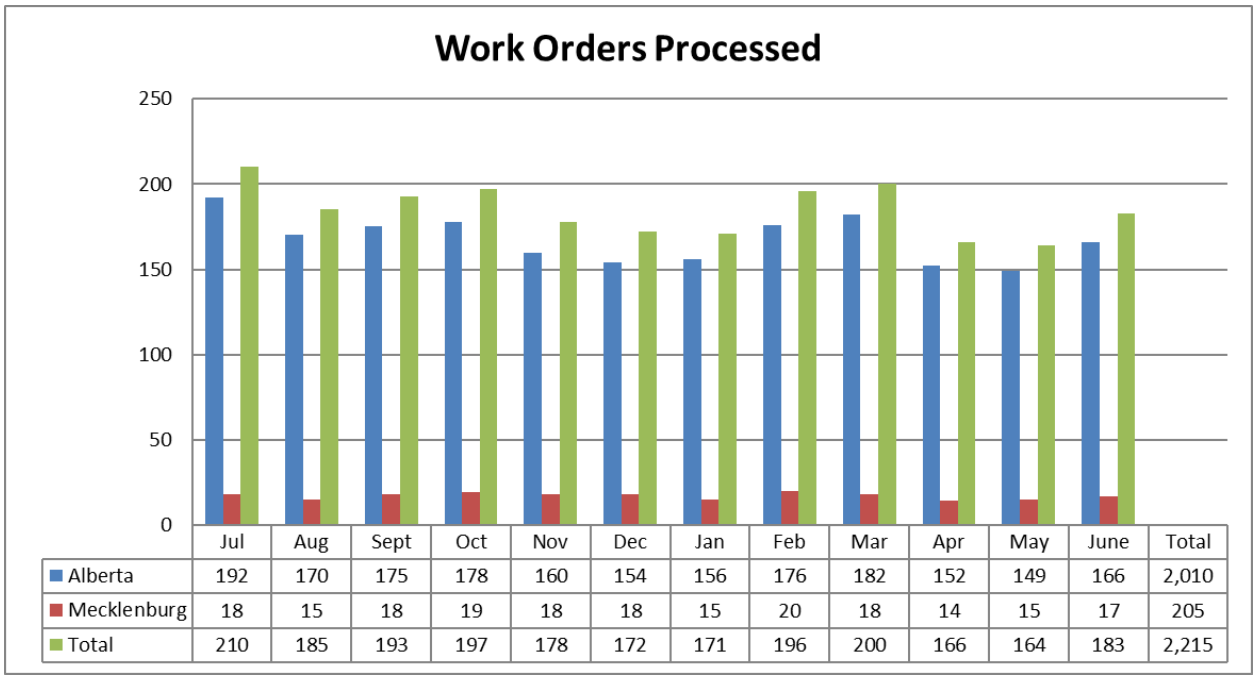
Operations

Maintenance Department

The goal of the Maintenance Department is to provide a safe, secure, and comfortable environment for all visitors, staff, and offenders. The duties include troubleshooting and complex maintenance work on building and kitchen equipment, conducting facility inspections and maintaining a Preventive Maintenance Program at our two locations; our main site located in Alberta and our satellite facility located in Boydton, where they float between the two sites as needed. The Maintenance Department ensures that all Federal, State and Local regulations are adhered to according to American Correctional Associations (ACA) and Department of Corrections (DOC) regulations.

The department's staff consists of a Maintenance Director, an Assistant Maintenance Director and two (2) Maintenance Technicians all of which are on duty five days a week. At least one staff member is on-call for emergencies at all times. The Maintenance Director and Assistant Maintenance Director are certified Corrections Officers. Their certifications allow the Maintenance staff to assist other departments when they are short staffed or additional assistance is needed to maintain facility safety. The other two Maintenance Department employees are non-certified. They both have extensive backgrounds in maintenance, with experience in mechanical, plumbing and electrical work.

Also included in the Maintenance Department are one (1) Warehouse/Grounds Officer and one (1) IT Technician. The Warehouse/Grounds Officer is a Certified Officer that can assist other departments when they are short staffed. The Warehouse/Grounds Officer's duties consist of maintaining the facility's inventory of supplies needed to operate, ordering supplies when needed for staff and the offenders, unloading trucks, and keeping a daily inventory of all supplies. The Warehouse/Grounds Officer's duties also include maintaining the grounds at the Alberta facility, Boydton facility and the Gun Range. This includes supervising the offender work force crew, keeping the landscape at all three (3) sites manicured and neat for the public and staff, painting, picking up trash, snow removal, and any other projects that may occur. The IT Technician is non-certified and is overseen by the Assistant Maintenance Director. The IT Technician's responsibility is to maintain the security electronics equipment and software, including touchscreen computers and the camera systems at both facilities as well as assisting the IT Department when needed.



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Alberta	192	170	175	178	160	154	156	176	182	152	149	166	2,010
Mecklenburg	18	15	18	19	18	18	15	20	18	14	15	17	205
Total	210	185	193	197	178	172	171	196	200	166	164	183	2,215

Transportation



Officer Lachandra Jones has proudly served with Meherrin River Regional Jail for nine years. She began her career working in Security, where she gained valuable experience and developed a strong foundation in correctional operations. She later joined the Transportation Department and has since become a longstanding and valued member of the transportation team.

Throughout her career, Officer Jones has demonstrated a strong commitment to professionalism, safety, and service. She takes pride in performing her duties with consistency and integrity while helping ensure the safe and secure transportation of offenders. Her experience, dependability, and willingness to support her coworkers have made her an important part of the department and contributed to her recognition as Officer of the Quarter.

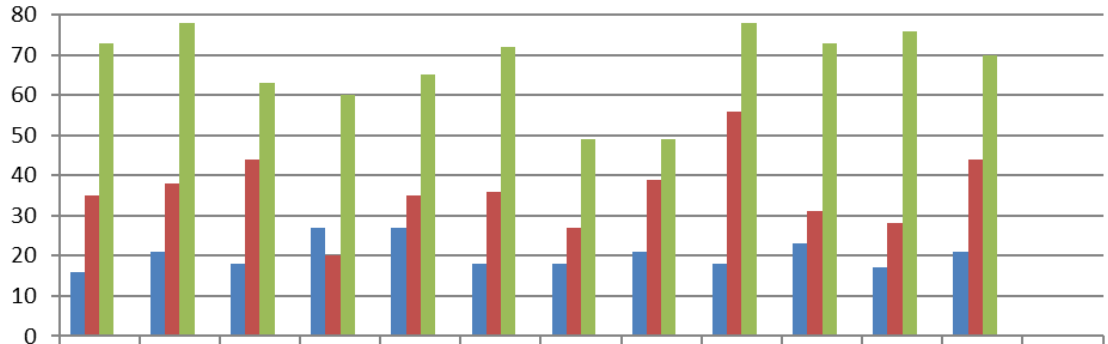
Outside of work, Officer Jones is a devoted mother of two children. She values her family and is proud of the example she sets through her years of service, dedication, and hard work.

The Meherrin River Regional Jail's Transportation Department consists of one Sergeant and six officers. The department provides safe, secure, and timely transportation of offenders to courts, correctional facilities, medical providers, and other authorized destinations. These assignments require careful coordination with jail personnel, court officials, receiving facilities, and medical staff. Transportation personnel are expected to represent the facility with professionalism, sound

judgment, and composure. Personnel receive specialized training in firearms, defensive tactics, searches, high-risk transportation, and personal and public protection to support secure operations and respectful treatment of those in custody.

In addition to its transportation duties, the department continues its longstanding responsibility for cleaning and maintaining the facility's handcuffs.

Transports for Local Agencies



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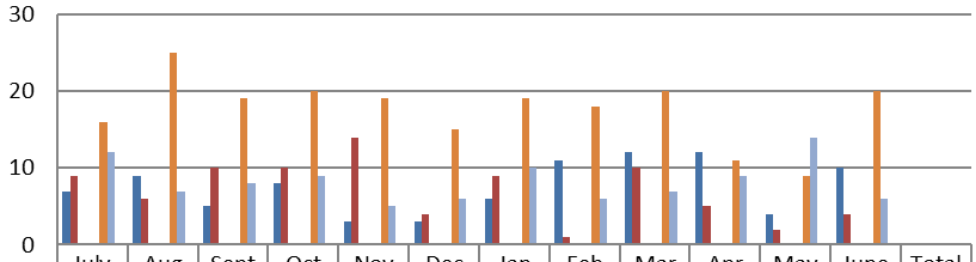
Brunswick	16	21	18	27	27	18	18	21	18	23	17	21	245
Dinwiddie	35	38	44	20	35	36	27	39	56	31	28	44	433
Mecklenburg	73	78	63	60	65	72	49	49	78	73	76	70	806
Totals	124	137	125	107	127	126	94	109	152	127	121	135	1484

Transports for Medical, Federal Court, DOC, Dinwiddie Lockup and Other Agencies



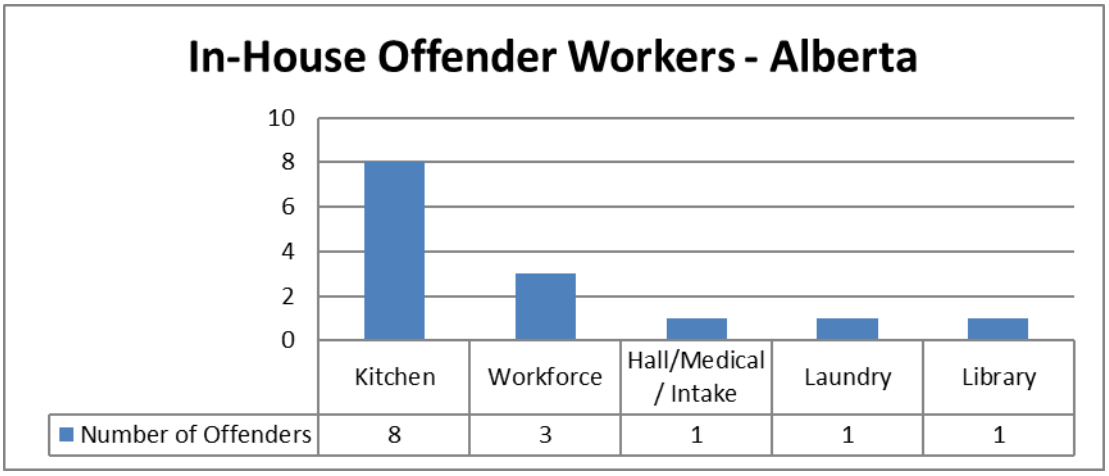
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
Medical	7	9	5	8	3	3	6	11	12	12	4	10	90
DOC	9	6	10	10	14	4	9	1	10	5	2	4	84
Federal Court VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Court NC Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Court NC Middle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dinwiddie Lockup	16	25	19	20	19	15	19	18	20	11	9	20	211
Other Agencies	12	7	8	9	5	6	10	6	7	9	14	6	99
Total	44	47	42	47	41	28	44	36	49	37	29	40	484

Classification

The primary goal of the Classification Department is to assign each new offender to a custody level based on their current charges, criminal history, and medical condition. Once classified, offenders are placed in minimum, medium, or maximum custody.

Before moving an offender into general population, the Classification Officer is responsible for ensuring that all offenders have been tested and cleared of having tuberculosis. Once the offender has been cleared by our medical department, the Classification Officer then determines where offenders will be housed based on an interview conducted within the first 72 hours of the offender's arrival at the facility. Every ninety (90) days, offenders are re-classified to determine if their custody level should be changed to a higher or lower level.

The Classification Department also works closely with the Security and Support Divisions to provide offender workers within the facility. Offender workers are responsible for maintaining cleanliness throughout the facility in accordance with guidelines established by the Department of Corrections and the American Correctional Association. Offender workers are placed in their positions based on feedback provided by Security and various other departments, as well as their previous work experience. Starting in July 2025 thru June 2026, there were a total of 14 inmate workers for Alberta assigned on a monthly basis throughout the facility for inside and outside work.

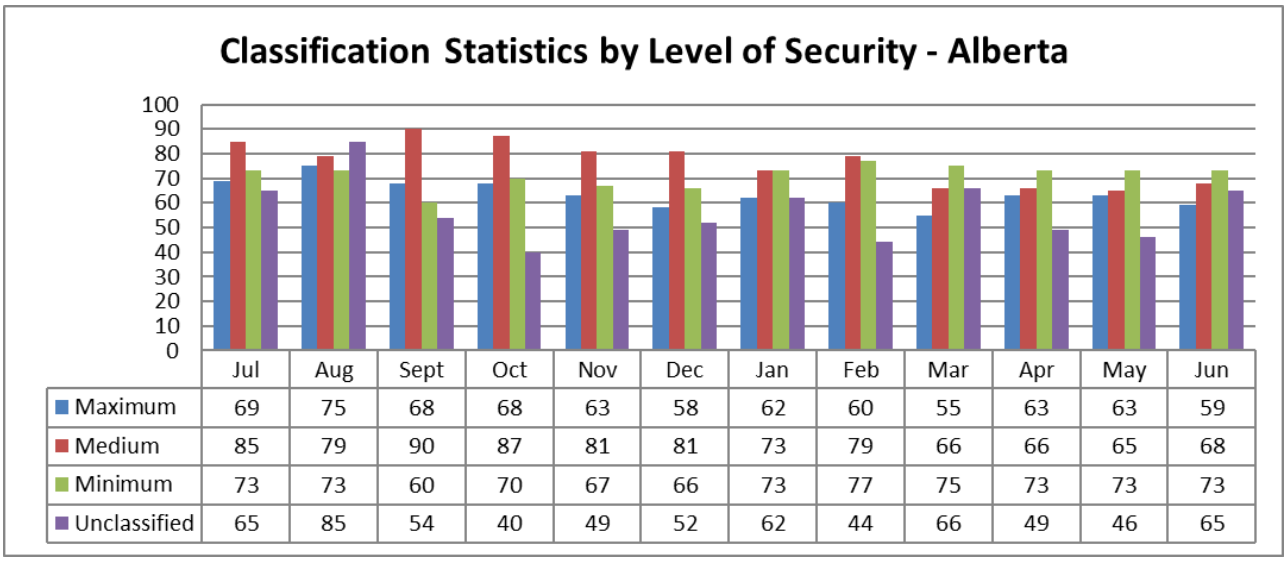


The Meherrin River Regional Jail classifies offenders based on three separate custody levels. Offenders who have committed non-violent offenses are placed in the least restrictive level, which is minimum custody. Offenders who have violent criminal histories and are currently incarcerated on violent offenses will be placed in the most restrictive level, which is maximum custody. Only offenders who are classified at the minimum or medium level of custody are eligible to become workers. The criminal history of the offender will determine if they can become a worker inside or outside of the facility. Custody levels are determined by using a point scale

system developed by The National Institute of Corrections. This system has proven to be widely successful in the classification of offenders.

Meherrin River Regional Jail has policies and procedures in place to determine whether an offender with behavioral, medical, or mental health issues has needs that are to be addressed. After the initial interview has been completed by classification and medical staff, the housing of each individual is determined based upon their recommendations. Offenders who could possibly be dysfunctional in general population because of medical or mental health issues are placed in protective custody. These offenders are closely monitored by the security staff and receive weekly assessments by classification and medical staff to ensure their safety and determine if they may become eligible to be housed in general population.

From July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, 2,536 offenders were classified at the Alberta Facility. Of the offenders classified, 853 were minimum custody, 920 were medium custody and 763 were maximum custody. There were also an additional 677 offenders processed into the facility that were not classified due to being released within 24 - 48 hours of their booking.



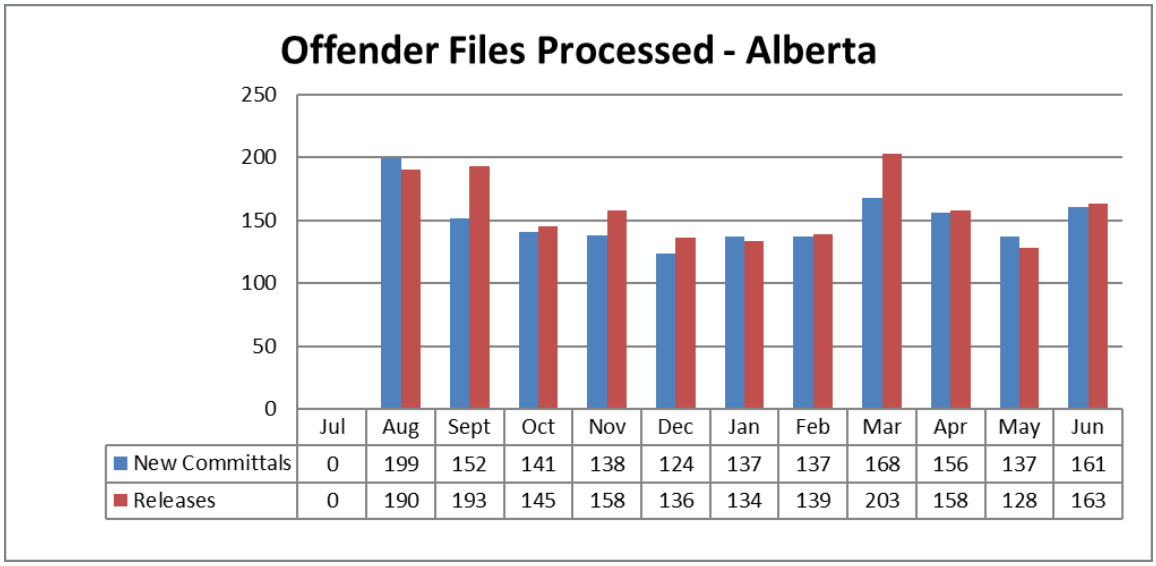
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Maximum	69	75	68	68	63	58	62	60	55	63	63	59
Medium	85	79	90	87	81	81	73	79	66	66	65	68
Minimum	73	73	60	70	67	66	73	77	75	73	73	73
Unclassified	65	85	54	40	49	52	62	44	66	49	46	65

Records

The Records Department is one of our most vital areas within the Jail. This department is responsible for processing all legal paperwork associated with offenders, including commitment orders and warrants issued by magistrates and continuance orders and disposition notices received from the courts. The Records Department is responsible for calculating the release date of offenders who have only misdemeanor sentences and/or felony sentences totaling 12 months or less. This department also works closely with surrounding jurisdictions to make sure transport

orders are received for court appearances and time for credit spent at other facilities is calculated during time computation.

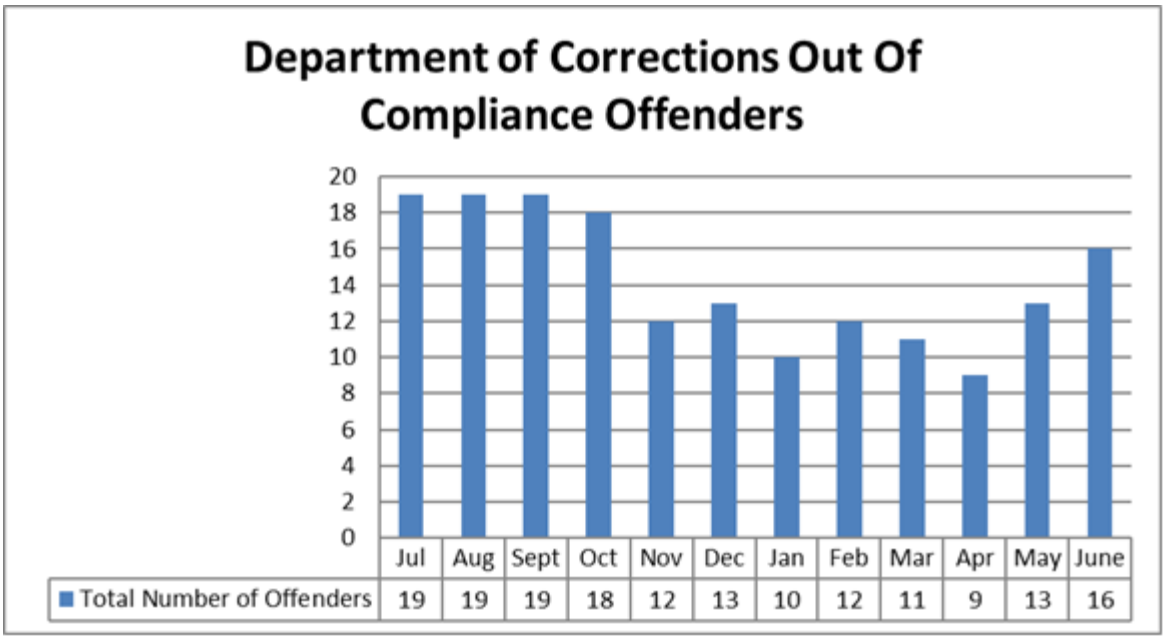
The Records Department reviews all booking information on newly committed offenders to ensure all charge and bond information is correct and that all necessary paperwork is in the folder before an offender is released from the facility. From July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, the Alberta Records Department processed 3,397 offender folders. Of those folders, 1,650 were new committals into the facility and 1,747 were offenders released from the facility.



	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
New Committals	0	199	152	141	138	124	137	137	168	156	137	161
Releases	0	190	193	145	158	136	134	139	203	158	128	163

The Records Department is also responsible for maintaining the Weekender program. A weekender is someone who serves their incarceration on weekends, Friday through Sunday, because of a work or school schedule.

The Records Department keeps track of the days served so that the offender is released on the correct day and time. Working closely with the Department of Corrections is crucial to the Records Department because it ensures that offenders are transferred to a state correctional facility in a timely manner based on the length of an offender's sentence and the severity of their charges. DOC-responsible offenders who have not been transferred to a DOC facility within sixty (60) days after being sentenced by the courts are considered to be "Out of Compliance". This past fiscal year, there were 171 offenders housed here at Meherrin River Regional Jail in an "Out of Compliance" status.

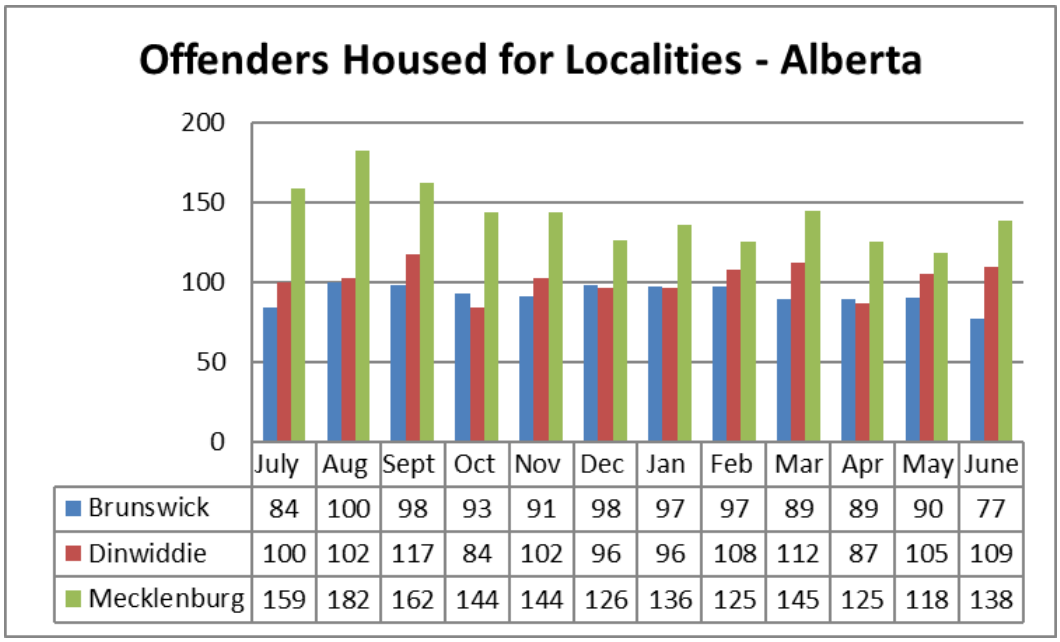


Local Inmate Data System (LIDS)

The primary goal of the LIDS Technician is to maintain offender records on a daily basis. The LIDS Technician ensures the accuracy and integrity of all data entered into Meherrin River Regional Jail's Jail Management System and the Virginia Compensation Board's LIDS-CORIS system. Each offender record is reviewed to ensure that all data, including the commitment and/or release dates, demographic information, and court dispositions, is entered properly so this information can be submitted accurately to the Virginia Compensation Board. Per Diem payments are paid to the facility based on the information uploaded to the LIDS-CORIS system.

The LIDS Technician is responsible for the monthly reconciling of all detainees and their respective days served for each locality that Meherrin River Regional Jail serves. If any inconsistencies or errors are found, they are corrected and the total number of days is certified and approved within the LIDS-CORIS system, then submitted to the Virginia Compensation Board for approval.

The Meherrin River Regional Jail is audited, at a minimum of every two years, by the Virginia Compensation Board to ensure that the facility is in compliance with the guidelines that the Board has established.



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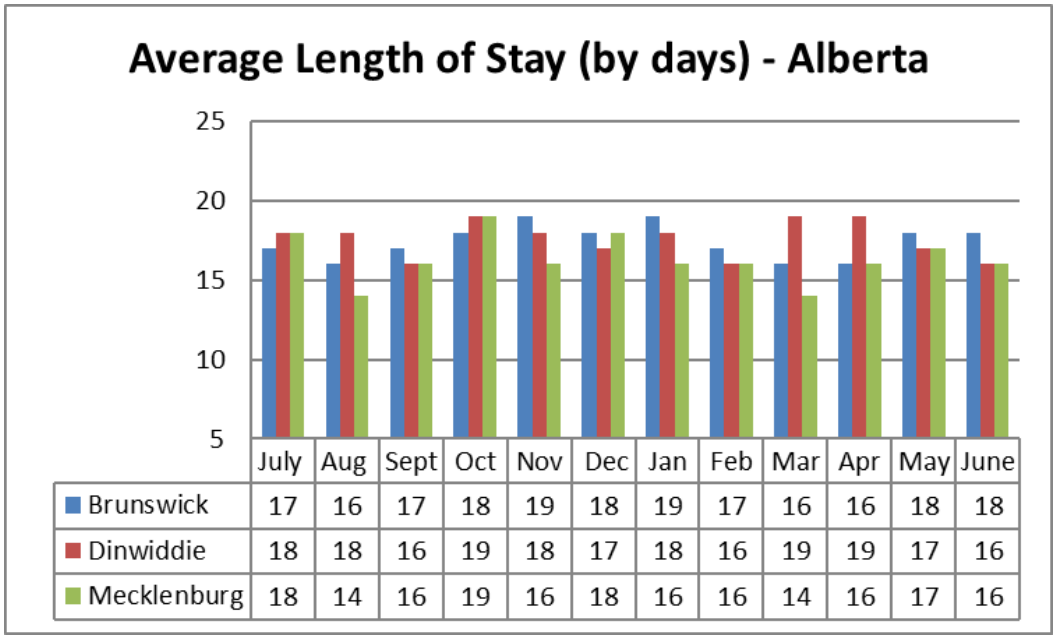
Mecklenburg	159	182	162	144	144	126	136	125	145	125	118	138



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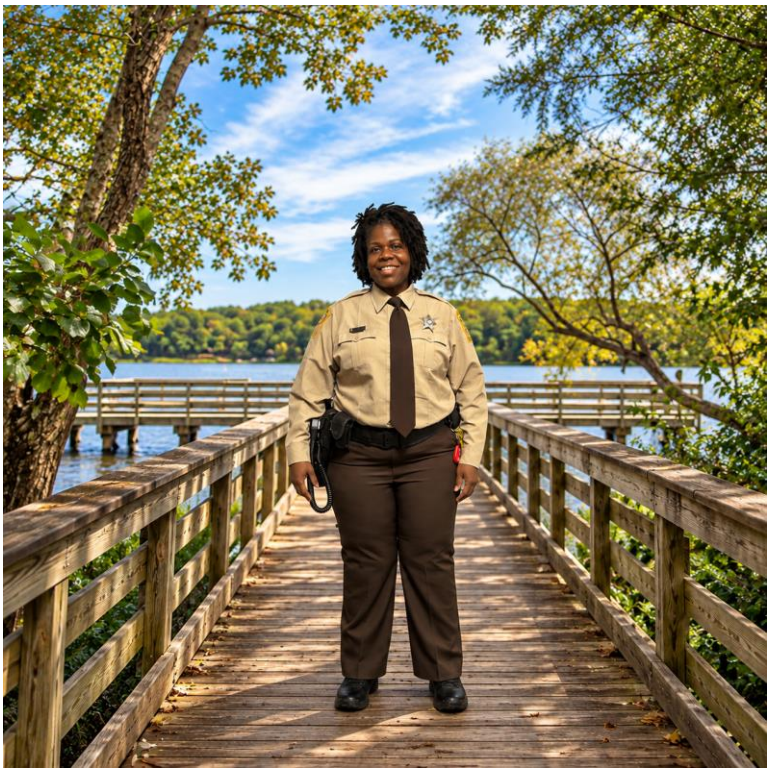
Brunswick	17	16	17	18	19	18	19	17	16	16	18	18
Dinwiddie	18	18	16	19	18	17	18	16	19	19	17	16
Mecklenburg	18	14	16	19	16	18	16	16	14	16	17	16

Intake



Officer Naeirah Neville began her career in corrections as a Corrections Officer for three years. She then transitioned into private security, gaining over a decade of experience. During her time in the private sector, Officer Neville advanced from Security Officer to Shift Supervisor, where she developed valuable leadership and supervisory skills.

For the past three years, Officer Neville has proudly served with Meherrin River Regional Jail (MRRJ), where she has become an integral member of the Intake Department. She has established strong professional relationships with her fellow officers, and has found a true sense of camaraderie and family within her team.

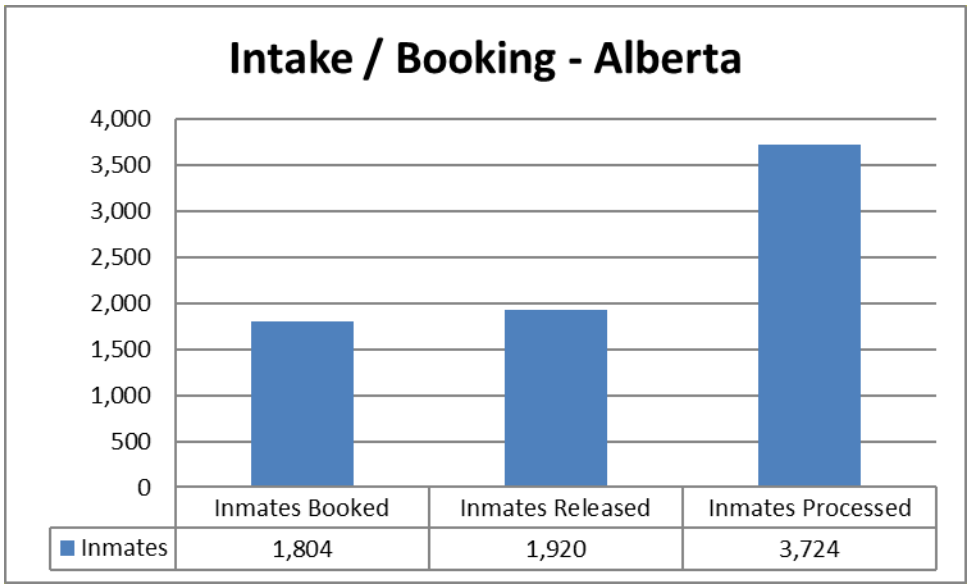
Officer Neville takes great pride in mentoring new officers, teaching them how to maintain accountability among offenders while upholding MRRJ's policies, procedures, and standards of professionalism. She leads by example, fostering a culture of respect, discipline, and teamwork.

Looking ahead, Officer Neville is eager to continue her growth with MRRJ and pursue a supervisory role. Her long-term goal is to help develop the next generation of corrections officers by providing guidance, support, and leadership as they build their careers in the field.

The Intake process is the foundation for the offender's incarceration. The process begins when an offender is accepted into the Meherrin River Regional Jail. The Intake Officers review and ensure all committal documents are accurate prior to accepting custody from the arresting officer. Once custody has been accepted, the Intake Officer conducts a pat down search and a body scan for weapons or contraband, collects the personal property of the individual being incarcerated, and inventories their property. The officers then create a computer record of the individual by entering all pertinent charges, personal information and medical history

The Intake Officers are responsible for fingerprinting each person arrested. Fingerprints are transferred electronically via Livescan to the Virginia State Police Department for processing. The Livescan computer enables the Intake Officer to retrieve clearer and more accurate fingerprints. If the individual has an outstanding warrant, the State Police will notify the Meherrin River Regional Jail within minutes, via the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN), of receiving the fingerprints so the appropriate action can be taken. Another advantage is the capability to store fingerprints of all individuals printed. This is a tremendous asset to local, as well as, national law enforcement agencies who are conducting investigations and may need fingerprints of a certain individual.

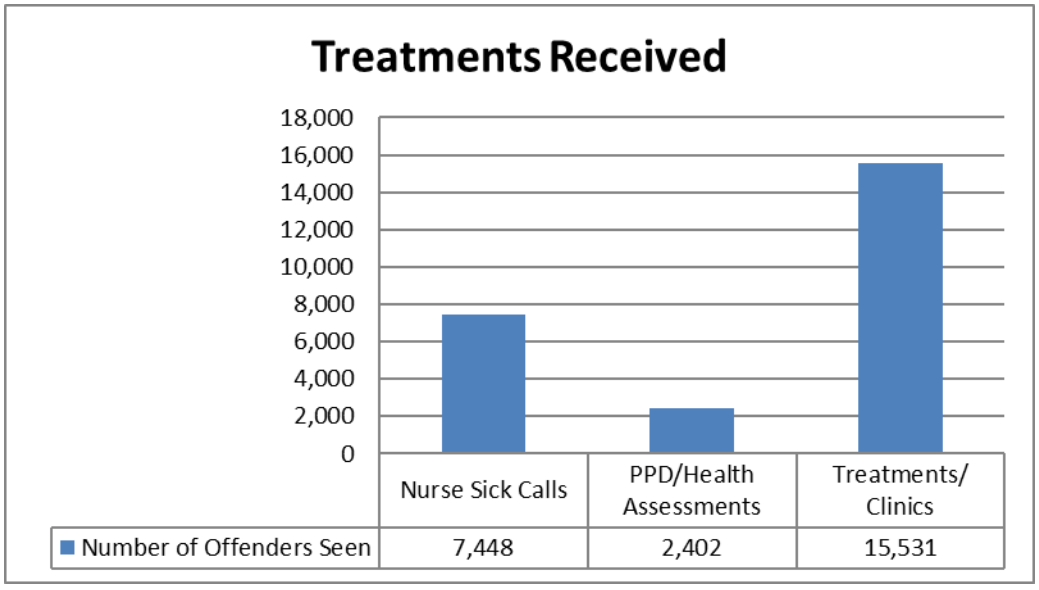
The initial intake is the most critical time of incarceration. It requires the Officers to be observant of all behaviors and actions of the newly committed individuals. It is during this time that it is most likely an individual may have thoughts of suicide or self-mutilation and will act upon these thoughts. The Intake Officers must be able to spot potential hazards and act immediately. During this fiscal year, the Intake Officers booked in 1,804 offenders at the Alberta Facility. They also processed for release, 1,920 individuals without serious incident to officer or offender. A total of 3,724 offenders were processed by Intake in this fiscal year.



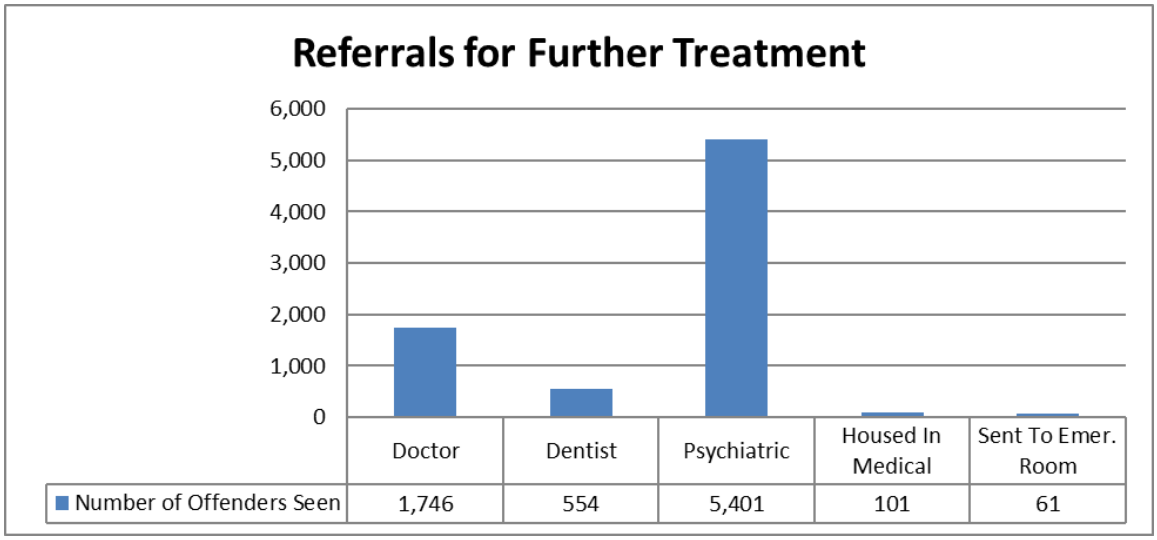
Medical Department

Medical services are contracted to a third-party vendor, CBH Medical. CBH's primary mission is to provide quality health care to all inmates. Services include not only general healthcare but also dental care and mental healthcare services. The Medical Department consists of one (1) Physician, (1) Nurse Practitioner one (1) Psychiatrist, one (1) Dentist, four (4) Registered Nurses, seven (7) Licensed Practical Nurses, one (2) Mental Health Professional's, one (1) Administrative Coordinator, and one (1) Medical Records Personnel.

Daily operations include two (2) pill calls, sick calls, wound treatment clinics, blood pressure checks, and blood sugar checks as well as emergencies that may occur. CBH also coordinates with local hospitals and clinics making arrangements for inmates to go to outside medical resources when their problems require treatments beyond the scope of the department's practice. CBH also educates inmates on options for Mental Health and Health Care follow ups when released from incarceration.

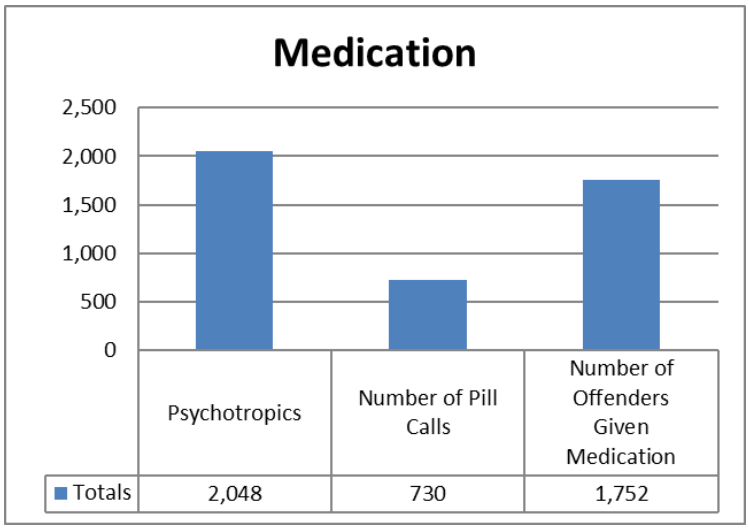


The Medical Department continues to be a busy place. The number of sick calls totaled **7,448**. In addition, **2,402** PPD'S (Purified Protein Derivative) / Health Assessments were performed, as well as **15,531** treatments / clinics. The Medical Department is currently seeing inmate population with chronic health problems and are currently providing continual assessments, education, and support to those with such issues as Infectious Disease, Hypertension, Diabetes, and Psychiatric Illness. CBH's physician had over **1,746** offender visits and addressed a wide array of illnesses. Once seen by the doctor, a plan of care is put in place which includes maintaining medication compliance, follow up care, and proper education.



Upon the approval from the Superintendent and CBH's physician, the Medical Department offers a Keep on Person (KOP) medication program allowing responsible inmates with minor health problems to keep medications with them in their cells and take them on their own as needed. During the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, **1,752** inmates were given medication, either through Pill Call or the KOP Program. The goal for the KOP Program is by giving the inmate a little responsibility for their own healthcare will increase the likelihood of medication compliance once they are released.

The Medical Department continues to be a demanding, fast paced environment. The success of the department is a result of the dedicated teamwork of our skilled medical staff. The department sets very high goals and standards to provide the highest quality of medical care to our inmate population.



Employee Recognition

The Meherrin River Regional Jail strives to recognize supervisors and officers who have received special recognition for achievements, not only in jail operations, but also in various off-site activities.

This year, the facility continues to recognize these employees that have made the facility shine in the community. The following employees have demonstrated dedication to excellence, and true professionalism, reflecting greatly on the facility. The facility commends these individuals for their accomplishments and is certain they will continue to strive for excellence.

Supervisor of the Year



Lieutenant James Fulk began his career in corrections in 2013 as a Deputy. Over the years, Lt. Fulk has served in a variety of correctional settings, including W.W. Moore Juvenile Detention, Danville Adult Detention, Baskerville Correctional Center, and currently, Meherrin River Regional Jail (MRRJ).

Today, Lt. Fulk serves as a Shift Lieutenant at MRRJ. Drawing from his broad experience across multiple facilities, he has confidently chosen MRRJ as the place where he wants to build the remainder of his career and ultimately retire. He credits much of his growth and motivation to the

strong leadership and supportive supervisors he has worked under, who have inspired him to continually pursue new goals.

Lt. Fulk is committed to making MRRJ one of the cleanest and most professionally operated correctional facilities in Virginia. He is passionate about fostering a positive and productive work environment and takes pride in promoting teamwork and morale among staff. To him, MRRJ has become like a second family, and he is dedicated to helping it reach its highest potential.

As he looks to the future, Lt. Fulk remains appreciative of the contributions of all staff—not just those in security roles, who play a vital part in the facility's daily operations. He has seen a rise in motivation and dedication across the Jail in the past year and is optimistic that this momentum will continue.

Employee of the Year



Virgie Starke has been a dedicated member of the **Meherrin River Regional Jail (MRRJ)** family for more than 14 years, serving as a Food Service Technician. Throughout her career, she has had the opportunity to grow, learn, build lasting relationships, and become part of a team that holds a special place in her life. She is grateful for the many people she has met and the experiences she has gained along the way.

Mrs. Starke is married to her wonderful husband. Together, they have built a beautiful family of which she is incredibly proud. They have two children and four amazing grandchildren. Her family means the world to her, and spending quality time with them is one of her greatest joys.

Outside of work, Mrs. Starke enjoys cooking, singing, dancing, and spending time outdoors. One of her favorite things to do is work outside alongside her husband. Whether they are working in the yard, tackling a project together, or simply enjoying time with their family, she treasures the simple moments that bring them together.

Mrs. Starke is thankful for her family, her coworkers, and the many experiences that have helped shape her throughout the years. She is especially grateful for this recognition and appreciates the opportunity to reflect on the people and experiences that have made her journey so meaningful.