

Board of County Commissioners

Quarterly Report on Conditions of Confinement and Security at the Washoe County Jail

The enclosed is the quarterly reporting for the Washoe County Jail. Generally, the quarterly reports will focus on the conditions of confinement and security of the jail, as delineated in Nevada Revised Statute. The report may also contain Detention relevant information from the Sheriff to the Board on emerging topics or trends.

The prior quarterly reports to the Board were a broad overview of the history of the physical plant and security measures that have been undertaken over the years. Prior reports also contained statistical data relative to inmate populations, types of inmates held and budgetary issues facing the County and the Sheriff.

Welfare of the Inmates

The welfare of inmates in a custodial situation is best measured by several factors, to include: the health of the inmates, their access to medical care, infectious disease and vermin control, food services, environmental controls, the safety of the inmates, and out of cell time. Each of these important components can be a measure of the overall welfare of the inmate population.

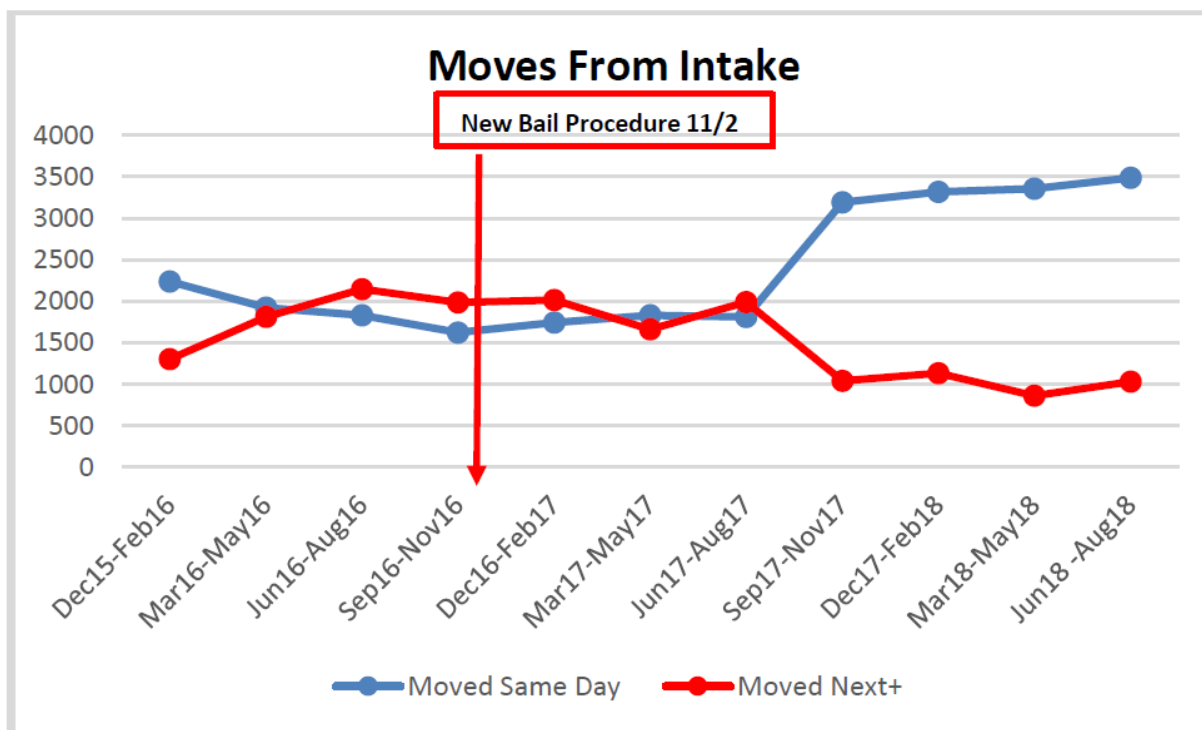
Recently, the Detention Division has initiated many conversations in the community surrounding mental health care, continuity of care and the reduction of recidivism. To that end, a newly established partnership with Northern Nevada HOPES was started. This partnership is vital to the services provided through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. I am pleased to report, to date this collaboration has serviced 251 released inmates ensuring that upon release they have active Medicaid and EBT services. Since April, we have referred 350 inmates to Northern Nevada Hopes. In October, we enhanced our partnership with Northern Nevada HOPES with the HOPES Release Program. Monday – Thursday the HOPES van responds to the Washoe County Jail and picks up those released inmates who want the services of Northern Nevada HOPES. In October, we transferred 31 inmates to the HOPES Release Program.

The Washoe County Jail is working closely with NaphCare's new Chief Medical Director, Dr. Michael Alvaraz to develop a medicated assisted treatment program. Dr. Alvarez is one of the few correctional health medical directors with experience starting correctional health MAT programs. He was hired by NaphCare from Maricopa County, AZ. The MAT program will be instrumental in not only treating inmates for opioid, alcohol and other withdrawal symptoms, but offering continued care for patients who are successful candidates for drug treatment.

The Washoe County Jail continues to see an increase in the number of arrestees suffering with mental illness, homelessness and drug addiction. Staff is continuously working with Reno, Sparks and other local stakeholders to increase the number of resources available and to establish "warm hand-offs" from the jail.

Booking Data

The changes in bail and risk assessment have been tracked since inception. Early on, there were indications that the lack of a bail schedule was increasing the time spent in booking. Following new benchmarks for data collection, we now know arrestees spend less time in intake than before the process. Ultimately, this has caused some additional duties for staff as arrestees are now processed for housing at a much higher rate.

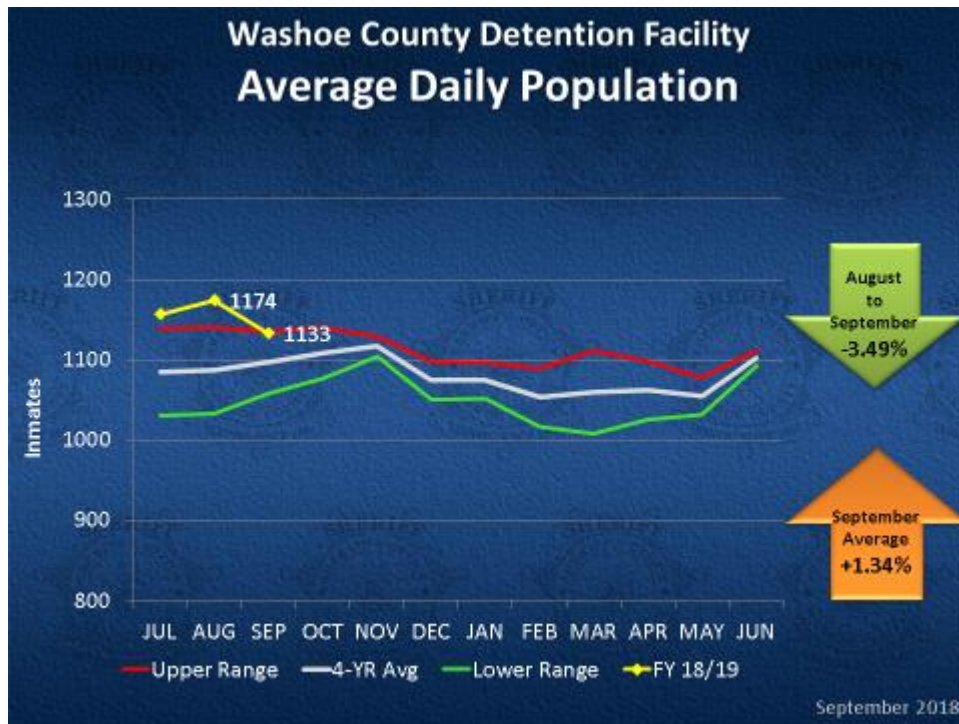


This chart represents a nearly 84% increase in inmates moved from Intake to Housing on the same day they were arrested. Prior to the Risk Assessment and Bail change, inmates often remained in Intake longer awaiting and arranging bail.

Inmate Average Daily Population

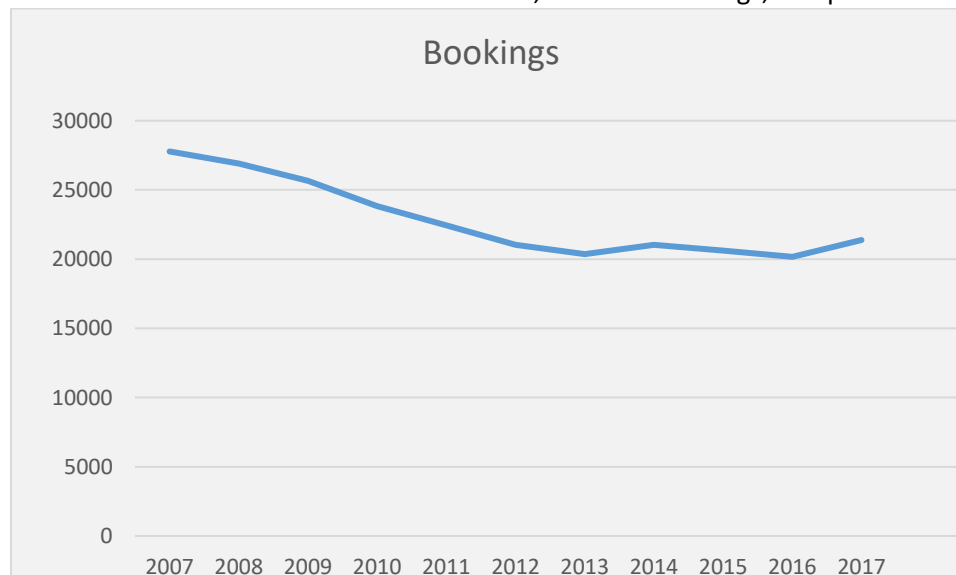
As is typical in the first quarter, the inmate daily population (ADP) is very volatile. Summer months traditionally result in higher jail populations and more arrests. The fall is also busy with special events and we see increases in nuisance type arrests from the downtown area, with an overall downtrend in arrests as the weather cools.

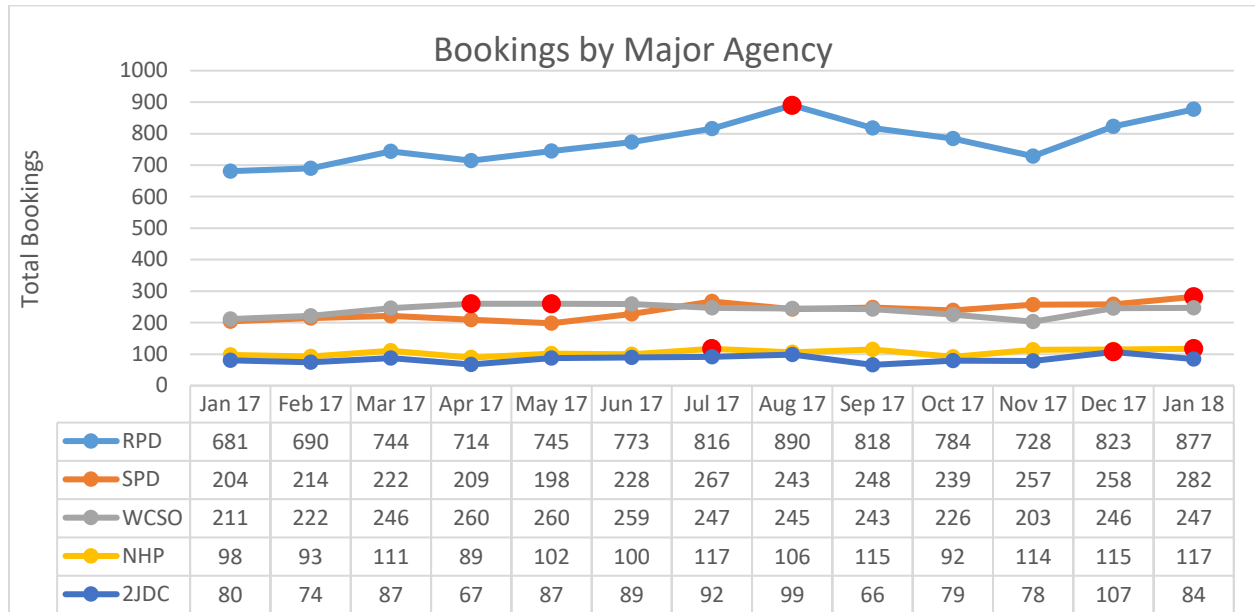
This quarter saw an ADP in July of 1157, an increase over the historical average for July. August again showed a significant increase over the historical average at 1174. September then decreased.



Generally, the types of inmates booked and housed remain flat from prior reports. There are no significant trends relative to the types of arrestees. The average length of stay also has not changed significantly.

We have seen a recent increase in the bookings by fiscal year. This rolling tally indicates how many total bookings came into the facility. From CY 14 through CY 15 the number trended down gradually. In CY 16, that number began to grow on a steeper trajectory than seen in prior CY. As discussed in prior reports, any increase in crime rates or the addition of police officers on the streets will cause this number to increase. We ended CY 17 at 21,367 total bookings, compared to a high in 2007 of 27,779.





This historical chart is a good visual representation of raw booking numbers by agency. These numbers show how many total bookings by month, by large agency. A new report will be generated for CY 18 in January 2019.