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BEST PRACTICES NEWSLETTER

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BEST PRACTICE OF THE QUARTER

Toledo Correctional Institution Ed Sheldon, Warden

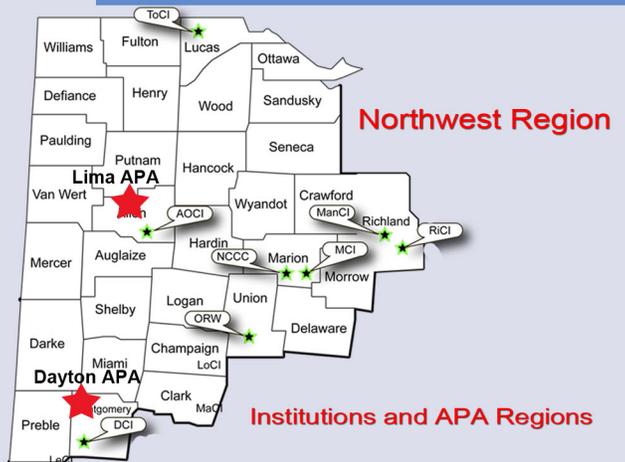


The Toledo Correctional Institution has positioned a thermal imaging camera in a targeted area to interdict contraband being introduced on the grounds of the institution area. In the image above, the camera detects a heat source, which in this scenario is a person walking along a wood line. The camera is very effective in low light situations, and is also effective during the day.

COMMENTS FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Northwest Region's "Best Practices Newsletter." I have very much enjoyed visiting the institutions and APA offices of the NW Region these past months and seeing firsthand the good work our staff do for the inmates and offenders under our supervision every single day. One of the things that struck me on these visits is the "little things" each site does to make a certain process and/or procedure more efficient for them. These "best practices" are what I want to share in this newsletter with the other sites in our region and throughout the agency. The best practices in this first edition of this newsletter are but a small sample of what I've witnessed in my travels so far. If you have a "best practice" you would like to see hi-lited in this newsletter, please submit a summary to Marva Allen and Brian Niceswanger for inclusion in a future edition.

See you soon - Jesse



Best Practices Northwest APA Region: Dayton/Lima

Dayton APA, Tina Patrick, APA Regional Administrator

Over 20 agencies will be present to assist and educate offenders and their families: BMV, Ohio Benefit Bank, Job and Family Services, Sinclair Community College, Planned Parent Hood and many others will be in attendance Ex-offenders and their families are welcome to attend.

Lima APA, Casey Moore, APA Regional Administrator

Each 1st Wednesday of the month, the Lima APA sponsors "Going Home to Stay." The program provides valuable resources for ex-offenders and their families. Contact Chris Stewart for additional information: chris.stewart@odrc.state.oh.us. Lima APA also sponsors "Open Gate." The program is open to ex-offenders needing reentry assistance.

SECOND CHANCE THURSDAY

Over 20 Agencies will be present to assist and educate offenders and their families.

This event will be held the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Dayton APA

Bennett J. Cooper Re-Entry Center
1901 S. Gettysburg Ave.

Ex-offenders and their families are welcome to attend.

BMV, Ohio Benefit Bank, Job and Family Services, Sinclair Community College, Planned Parent Hood and many others will be here!

Please Call for time & information

Let us help map **YOUR** road to success!!

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections Division of Parole and Community Services

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT RICK HARMON
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Open Gate
A Healing Place

Please Join Us!

Free and Confidential

Reentry Coalition
of Northwest Ohio

"Going Home to Stay"
Reentry resource program for offenders, family members and/or significant others

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location: 1st floor Conference Room, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio 43608
When: 1st Wednesday each month
Cost: There is no charge. This is a FREE event!

Program dates - 2013

January 2 nd	July 3 rd
February 6 th	August 7 th
March 6 th	September 4 th
April 3 rd	October 2 nd
May 1 st	November 6 th
June 5 th	December 4 th

Services for you and your family include:
- Job training
- Education
- Financial counseling
- Support groups
- Case management
- Transportation services
- Food bank referrals
- Housing referrals
- Legal referrals
- Substance abuse referrals
- Mental health referrals
- Family support services
- Community referrals
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Mansfield Correctional Institution, Terry Tibbals, Warden STG Breakdown Chart

The STG Breakdown Chart shows the number of inmate STG groups per pod. Unit Managers use this chart to control their pod and eliminate STG groupings. They work with the STG committee member assigned to their unit to conduct moves as needed.

Mansfield Correctional Institution - STG Breakdown													Revised: 04/23/2013				Prepared by: Officer B. Brooks						
	1A	1B	1C	1D	2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	4B	4D	3B	3C	3D	4A	4C	7A	7B	OTC	INF	OSU	CMC	MIS
A.B.	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Sup	0	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bloods	3	2	3	2	3	1	1	2	4	4	0	2	8	5	2	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Crips	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	4	7	7	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Folks	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	3	2	6	2	5	10	7	7	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
H.F.	3	1	2	4	1	5	4	5	1	4	3	11	10	14	14	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
5% / B. Sup.	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin Kings	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neta	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Group	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	2	4	4	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Others	5	4	13	7	6	10	5	12	5	16	4	14	11	14	9	9	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total STG	16	11	28	20	17	25	15	34	15	38	19	45	54	52	47	29	4	4	3	1	0	0	1
Level 1 Inmates (Passive)												Level 1, 2, and 3 Inmates											

Segregation Units					ManCC			ManCI Compound			
	1	2	3	4	Total	7A	7B	Total	3A	3B	Total
A.B.	3	3	3	0	9	0	0	0	14	7	30
White Sup	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	12	8	24
Bloods	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	25	25	54
Crips	1	2	2	0	5	0	1	1	14	21	41
Folks	4	7	4	0	15	0	1	1	21	32	70
H.F.	4	14	7	0	25	0	0	0	33	52	112
5% / B. Sup.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Latin Kings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
Neta	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	9
New Group	3	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	13	19	38
Others	7	8	4	0	19	3	1	4	87	57	168
	25	37	23	0	85	4	4	8	238	227	563



OHIO PLAN: 3 TIER COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING

Kevin Jones, Acting Warden
Allen/Oakwood Correctional Institution

Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution implemented a comprehensive cross training between unit managers and security supervisors. The Director made particular note to this accomplishment, describing it as a best practice. The practice described demonstrates compliance in one of the major outcomes detailed in the Ohio Plan: Unit Management and security form one Operations team with Unit Managers and security supervisors sharing information, responsibility and accountability for prison operations 24/7.

Examples given included unit managers fully running shift operations when shortages occur and during unit vacancies. Shift supervisors complete the necessary processes to schedule special visits/fill in for security reviews/etc. Additionally, AOCI has put together an OJT program for new Captains and Unit Managers that provides the necessary skills to accomplish these tasks..I know that many are focusing on cross training but I wanted to share this information as it may be discussed during future visits. As you know, the Director will be personally reviewing unit management during his 2013 visits, so I thought it would be beneficial to share this best practice. DWO Ray Schaublin and UMC Brooke Featheringham would be the best points of contact for further information.