

## **DETENTION**

The purpose of the Detention facility is to maintain a secure detention facility with the safe custody of inmates. The planning, development, organization and implementing of programs, policies, procedures and directives to meet this purpose are best described in the special teams listed below.

## **COURTS/TRANSPORTATION**

The Detention Services Division transportation units are responsible for the vast majority of inmate movement, outside the detention centers. This includes court appearances, doctor appointments, in- state and out-of-state extraditions, as well as inter-facility transfers. These units use buses, vans and aircraft to conduct over 50,000 transports annually, which is more than the population of Prescott. Total yearly mileage is greater than 200,000 miles; eight times the circumference of the Earth!

## **JAIL INVESTIGATIONS**

The Jail Investigations and Intelligence Unit is compiled of two Detention Liaison Officers who work in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety to suppress gang activity and gather intelligence information regarding gangs in Yavapai County. The unit also consists of a full time jail investigator and several floor investigators who stabilize incidents and preserve evidence as needed during their shifts. All of these investigators work to investigate and gather intelligence information regarding criminal activity within the jail facility and intelligence information pertaining to crimes outside the facility. Our team of investigators have had the opportunity to assist with solving different types of crimes alongside specialized Patrol units within the Criminal Justice System. These Crimes involve drugs, gangs, burglary, homicide, fraud and other crimes originating from the jail facility or crimes which are already in the process of being investigated by other agencies and divisions. As criminals are placed into custody their criminal activity does not stop while in custody. They continue to operate within the system using the avenues they can find to further benefit their criminal intentions or criminal operations. We, as a team, can work together to make a difference in suppressing some of this criminal activity early and focus on preventing some of these crimes rather than reacting to these crimes as they occur.

## **YCSO DETENTION ACADEMY/TRAINING UNIT**

The Detention Training Unit is responsible for scheduling all trainings that involve detention personnel including logistics for instructors, facilities, equipment. Staying current in policy updates and ensuring the training being taught reflects those updates is priority one. The training unit facilitates all Yavapai Detention Academies, which include up to four a year, and all In-service trainings that every Detention Officer must attend once a calendar year in order to maintain their required certifications. The Training Unit maintains, issues, and purchases county issued use of force tools for example: Taser's, OC spray, and county issued firearms. This unit inventories and tracks all supplies needed for trainings and is responsible for keeping training files for all employees.

## **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)**

The Detention Services Division Special Response Team (SRT) is a tactical unit specializing in inmate disturbance/riot control and high risk inmate movement, both inside and outside the facilities. The team cross trains in numerous other areas and is used to augment the Law Enforcement Services Division during critical incidents or special events.

## **INMATE SERVICES UNIT**

Inmate Services provides support, assistance and service delivery relative to the coordinating of programs and services provided to persons confined by the Sheriff's Office. Their responsibilities include: assisting with the creation, implementation and coordination of programs and agreements with outside vendors and/or service providers; assisting with screening and training of volunteers for inmate programs; interfacing and coordinating with Detention personnel regarding the facilitation of inmate programs and volunteer services.

## **JAIL FOOD SERVICES**

The Yavapai County Jail's Food Service Department plays an important role in providing for the health and welfare of inmates by ensuring that proper nutritional needs are met daily. On average we produce over 1700 meals a day. As a member of our team you will learn large scale meal production methods and meal forecasting. You will also learn to prepare specific diet orders for our special needs population, (allergy, religious, diabetic.) Our cooks are responsible for delegating tasks to an inmate work force and ensuring proper production methods are utilized. You will learn inmate management skills while directing them, to include providing education and guidance in food safety standards that they can utilize after release. Our Food Service Department is not an out-sourced operation like many other jail and correctional facilities. This means you can play a part in menu development and recipe selection, our production is not dictated by a corporate office in another region.

## **MENTAL HEALTH UNIT**

The Mental Health Unit is a housing area within the Camp Verde Detention Facility intended for incarcerated individuals with mental health issues. The purpose of the Mental Health Unit is to open the lines of communication between Psychologists, Social Workers, and Detention Staff to ensure the inmates are receiving the treatment they need while incarcerated, as well as encouraging the inmates to interact with others by offering programs and recreation on a regular basis. For individuals with serious mental health issues, we seek proper placement in a home or outside treatment facility as well as arrange for transportation upon their release if needed. It is our hope that the Mental Health Unit will equip and assist our mentally ill population to smoothly reintegrate into society and ultimately prevent recidivism.