

Skagit County Sheriff Jail Alternative Programs Section 2010 Yearly Report

The varied duties of the personnel in the Alternative Programs Section include Inmate Programs, Courthouse Security, Trial Security Planning, Therapeutic Court Liaison and Fugitive Extradition. Authorized staffing for this section in 2010 consisted of 1 Sergeant, 2 Court Deputies, 3 Program Deputies and 1/4 RSAT Deputy(projected to 1 FTE in 2011). Actual staffing was 1 Sergeant, 1-1/4 Court Deputies, 2-1/2 Programs Deputies and 1/8 RSAT Deputy.

Inmate Programs

The Programs Section encompasses numerous diverse programs, including inmates that are employed and continue to work during their sentence, those who do community service, jail internal operations work and even substance treatment.

The Programs staff deals with defendants from immediately after their conviction until their sentence has been completed. Each defendant undergoes an initial screening to determine appropriate sentence resolution, followed by a specific program-oriented interview, booking, supervision while completing the sentence and release from control.

Programs inmates are tested for alcohol and drug use prior to commencement and randomly during their sentence. All Programs inmates are “booked in” and are carried on the Skagit County Jail Roster.

In 2010 three new programs were initiated:

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program(RSAT) in the jail, funded through a federal grant and sales tax revenue, administered by Skagit County Community Services, partnering with the Skagit Recovery Center. This comprehensive Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program consists of group treatment for 12-16 weeks and also Moral Reconation Therapy, with a goal of reducing offender recidivism.

In 2010, 12 inmates participated in the RSAT program.

The second program is the Domestic Violence Education Program (DVEP), a diversion type program that allows participants to attend 8 hours of DV & Anger Management Classes, a DV Victim Impact Panel and then do 8 hours of Community Service Work, instead of going to jail. This program is participant funded and managed in conjunction with Skagit County District Court Probation, Skagit DV and Assault Services, Skagit Recovery Center, Sheriff’s Office, Mount Vernon PD and Sedro Woolley PD.

In 2010, 7 offenders participated in the DVEP program, completing 56 hours of CSW.

The third program, Transdermal Alcohol Detection (TAD), is a continuous alcohol detection system that utilizes a bracelet in conjunction with the EHM system, sampling alcohol intake from the perspiration of the offender.

In 2010, 12 offenders participated on the TAD program, serving 575 days.

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The Programs staff also maintains the turn-in schedule of those defendants who must serve straight jail time and is responsible for court notification if the defendant fails to report for their sentence.

In 2010, Programs staff conducted 1104 urinalysis drug tests, processed 2328 court commitments, conducted 761 interviews and 789¹ bookings.
109 felony warrants were issued for failure to comply, 101 failure to comply cases were resolved in 2010, resulting in defendants spending an additional 443 jail days more than their original sentences.
605 defendants were scheduled to appear to serve their jail sentences, 181 failed to show up, a failure rate of 30%

Electronic Home Monitoring(EHM)

Inmates live at a private residence and wear an electronic anklet that records when they leave and return to the premises. These inmates are allowed to go to their job, treatment appointments, self-help meetings(AA, NA, etc.) and some other limited destinations. All instances of leaving the premises must be approved by Programs Staff. These inmates pay a daily fee to participate in this program.

In 2010, 188 defendants participated on EHM, serving 10,447days, with an average daily population of 29 participants.

Alternative Interview Bookings (AIB)

Some defendants are allowed by the sentencing Judge to serve their sentence in a program administered by agencies other than the Skagit County Jail. These defendants must meet the same screening criteria as Programs inmates, to ensure that the basic participation criteria are met, as well as generating the appropriate tracking paperwork so the proper information is submitted to the Courts and State.

In 2010, 100 defendants were authorized to participate in other agency programs.

One Day Offender Program

Minimum security inmates spend their required hours in custody at a location other than the jail. During this time they may receive an alcohol/drug evaluation, attend Alcohol Information School, attend the DUI Victim Impact Panel or do Community Service work. These inmates pay a fee to participate in this program.

In 2010, 160 defendants participated in the ODO.

Work Release

Inmates live in the jail and are released daily to continue to work at their job in the community. These inmates pay a daily fee to participate in the program.

In 2010, 60 inmates (51 male, 9 female) participated on Work Release, serving 2340 days.

In 2010, 527 defendants/inmates served a total of 12,947 days on Alternative Programs.

¹ Total bookings for the Skagit County Jail in 2010 were 4708.

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Out of Custody Worker Programs (not housed in the jail):

1. Litter Crew – Joint program with Skagit County Public Works, Washington Department of Corrections, Washington Department of Ecology and other funding sources.
(The Litter Crew Supervisor was on leave for a significant amount of time during the year.)

In 2010, 80 defendants participated on the Litter Crew, serving 9878 hours, cleaned up 667 dump sites along 3578 miles of roads in Skagit County and picked up 149,120 pounds of trash. (Including 488 tires & 13,000# building materials)

2. Community Service Workers at:
City of Sedro Woolley; Washington State University Extension Office; Skagit County Departments (Facilities, Sheriff's Office, Law Library, Prosecutor's Office, Parks, Records)

In 2010, 292 defendants participated in CSW, serving 6872 hours.

In-Custody Worker Programs (housed in jail):

1. Skagit Transit – Contractual compensation agreement to provide workers 6 nights a week.

In 2010, 42 inmates participated on Skagit Transit Crews, serving 9440 hours.

2. Skagit County Parks Department– Provide one worker 5 days a week.
(Due to personnel cuts from County cost reduction measures, the Parks Department only used in-custody workers beginning July 27, 2010.)

In 2010, 2 inmates participated on Parks Crews, serving 696 hours.

3. Inmate Workers – Kitchen, laundry and cleanup workers for interior jail operations.

In 2010, inmates participating in trustee duties served 52,013 hours.

In 2010, defendants/inmates worked 78,899 hours on Jail Programs.

Courthouse Security

Security for the courthouse complex is provided in two ways; visitor screening by contract security personnel and uniformed deputies patrolling the complex. Whatcom Security Agency provides personnel who run 2 checkpoints, one each in the Superior Courthouse and the Public Safety Building. The WSA personnel also provide security checkpoint control for after-hours activities in the courthouse complex, including DUI and Domestic Violence Victim Impact Panels and Small Claims Court.

The Court Deputies patrol 3 buildings, maintaining a uniformed presence in the corridors, outside premises and the 6 courtrooms and 3 hearing rooms. The Deputies' primary responsibility is maintaining security and order within the courtrooms. The Deputies also assist with security of inmates being transported to hearings, fingerprint defendants upon conviction, perform DNA sample collections and arrest defendants with outstanding warrants or when ordered by a Judge. The Court Deputies are responsible for preparing and disseminating the weekly Superior Court criminal in-custody calendar. This includes coordinating the transport to court of juveniles charged in adult court but held in Juvenile Detention.

In 2010, the Court Deputies made 242 arrests, fingerprinted 595 defendants and conducted 359 DNA sample collections.

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Courthouse Security (con't)

Along with the courts, the campus houses the Clerk's Office, County Records Management, District Court Probation, Office of Assigned Counsel, Family Law Facilitator, Law Library and the Prosecutor's Civil and Domestic Violence Divisions.

In 2010, 223,741 visitors entered the two courthouses through the security checkpoints and 42² after hours events requiring security were held in these courts. 903³ prohibited items were abandoned at the checkpoints.

Trial Security

The Programs Sergeant is responsible for the planning and staffing of court proceedings which may pose security risks. This includes trials which are high-profile, proceedings having an in-custody defendant or defendants, domestic issues or any other heightened security matters.

In 2010, 42 trials with in-custody defendants or other events requiring a security plan were conducted. 848 deputy hours were expended for security staffing of these proceedings.

Therapeutic Court Liaison

The Programs Sergeant is the Sheriff's representative on the Skagit County Drug Court & Mental Health Court teams. These innovative programs combine supervision and treatment for offenders whose criminal actions are a result of their mental illness or dependence on drugs. Once an offender is admitted to a Therapeutic Court, they begin a two year treatment plan. Clients make monthly restitution payments and in order to graduate are required to attain certain treatment and life goals, including education, continuing sobriety, treatment and employment. Successful completion of the Program results in the charges being dismissed.

The teams consist of a Superior Court Judge (or Commissioner), Court Coordinator, treatment professionals (Skagit Recovery Center, Compass Health), legal professionals (Prosecutor, Public Defender) and law enforcement (Mount Vernon Police Department and Sheriff's Office). As the liaison, the Programs Sergeant is responsible for ensuring good communication between Courts, Jail and Sheriff's Office. Other duties include security for the courts, arranging transport for any in-custody clients, taking sanctioned clients into custody and reporting on client's behavior while in custody.

In 2010, 132 in-custody clients were transported to Drug & Mental Health Court and 50 were taken into custody and transported to the Jail.

Fugitive Extradition

The Programs Sergeant is the Sheriff's representative to the Northwest Cooperative Shuttle Prisoner Transport System and also arranges extradition and transport of fugitives to and from Skagit County from around the state and country.

In 2010, 23 out of state fugitive extraditions were arranged.

² DUI & DV panels, Small Claims court

³ Prohibited items include knives, scissors, etc. These items are destroyed by the SCSO Evidence technician.

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Alternative Programs Section Goals for 2010

1. Increased substance testing of Program participants - Ongoing
2. Initiate Transdermal Alcohol Detection Program - Initiated
3. Identify new arenas for Community Service Workers – Completed, partnerships with the work crews for the Cities of Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon
4. Increase overall use of Programs to assist with reduction of Jail overcrowding -Ongoing
5. Institute “sliding scale” for indigent defendants - Initiated
6. Training for Section personnel: Court Security (scheduled for April 2010, computer programs (Word, Excel, JIS) – JIS training scheduled for March 2010 - Completed

Alternative Programs Section Goals for 2011

1. Increased substance testing of Program participants, particularly Work Detail and Home Monitoring clients
2. Continued expansion of the One Day Offender Program
3. Expansion of the Transdermal Alcohol Detection program for sentenced inmates
4. Initiate the Transdermal Alcohol Detection program for pre-trial inmates
5. Expansion of the DVEP & RSAT Programs

Skagit County Jail Alternative Programs Yearly Stat Comparison

	UA Drug	Commits	Interviews	Bookings	FTC Wrts	FTC Wrts
	Tests	Process			Issued	Resolved
2006	794	1400	720	576	N/A	N/A
2007	1279	1900	768	693	146	98
2008	1308	2671	754	769	95	104
2009	1111	3205	626	808	83	97
2010	1104	2328	761	789	109	101
2011	535	1222	320	258	48	45

2011 stats thru 31 May

	AIB	ODO	WR Days	EHM Days	EHM ADP	RSAT	DVEP
2006	69	68	3811	9917	27	N/A	N/A
2007	128	29	3612	10452	25	N/A	N/A
2008	144	89	3852	10840	30	N/A	N/A
2009	85	199	4348	10999	30	N/A	N/A
2010	100	160	2340	10447	29	12	7
2011	50	85	553	3370	26	46	29

	SKAT	SKAT	In Custody	In Custody	Trustee	CSW
	Workers	Hours	Workers	Hours	Hours	Hours
2006	33	6696	81	8640	35752	1280
2007	38	6288	43	8635	35770	3029
2008	23	7000	21	6320	40150	4325
2009	44	6936	11	2056	43800	7898
2010*	42	9440	2	696	52013	6872
2011	21	3400	12	904	21666	1816

*increased to 6 nights/week

Scheduled Jail Commitments Commit scheduling began in Nov 2007

	Total	Booked	No-Show	Comply Rate
2008	565	410	155	72.50%
2009	623	419	204	67.50%
2010	605	424	181	70%

Litter Crew – Joint program with Skagit County Public Works, Washington Department of Corrections, Washington Department of Ecology and other funding sources.

	Total	Dump	Trash Collected		Road	Crew
Year	Hours	Sites	Pounds	Tons	Miles	#'s
2001	5,236	449	298,750	149	913	*
2002	8,121	484	266,280	133	1,280	119
2003	11,043	626	317,710	159	1,602	131
2004	11,344	696	411,370	206	1,481	126
2005	7,437	611	301,230	151	798	67
2006	10,496	583	324,170	162	1,130	84
2007	11,924	713	255,380	128	1,446	80
2008	8,210	772	225,800	113	1,895	57
2009	10,342	765	224,670	112	2,517	63
2010	9,878	667	149,120	75	3,578	80
2011	3,816	384	76,530	38	2,845	36
TOTAL	97,847	6,750	2,851,010	1,426	19,485	807

* = number unavailable

LC Supervisor was on long term leave in 2008 & 2010/11
2011 stats as of May 31