



2017 JAIL INFORMATION

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IC 36-2-13-12. Sec. 12.

(b) The Sheriff shall file with the county executive an annual report of the condition of the county jail and any recommended improvements in its maintenance and operation. The report shall also be filed with the county auditor and maintained as public record.

As added by Acts 1980, P.L. 212, SEC. 1.

HOUSING INFORMATION

1. The rated capacity of the LaPorte County Jail is 368 beds.
 - a. The jail inmate population was over 368 for 0 days in 2017.
 - b. The average daily inmate population count was 309 in 2017.
 - c. The highest one-day population of inmates was 339 / lowest was 273 in 2017.

BOOKING STATISTICS

	Number	Percentage
Total Detainees	4627	100.00%
Adult Males	3425	74.02%
Juvenile Males	3	0.07%
Adult Females	1198	25.89%
Juvenile Females	0	0.00%
Adult Unknown	1	0.02%
Juvenile Unknown	0	0.00%

Population Origin (Based On Billing)

Parole Hold – DOC	20	0.43%
IN Dept of Correction	95	2.05%
HEA 1006 – DOC F6 Felons	7	0.15%
United States Marshal	15	0.32%

Percentage of Population by Race or Ethnic Origin

White Male	2151	46.49%
White Female	758	16.38%
African American Male	1067	23.06%
African American Female	358	7.74%
African American Other	1	0.02%
Hispanic Male	158	3.41%
Hispanic Female	56	1.21%
Native American Male	4	0.09%
Native American Female	5	0.11%
Indian Male	0	0.00%
Indian Female	0	0.00%
Asian Male	7	0.15%
Asian Female	3	0.06%
Unknown Male	41	0.89%
Unknown Female	18	0.39%

Total Number of New Admissions/Releases

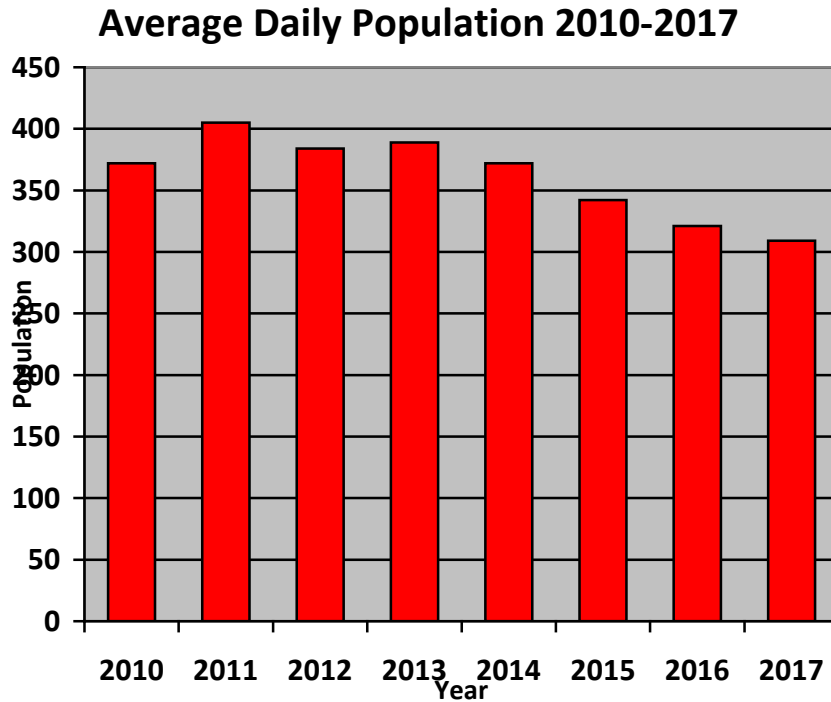
Admissions	4627
Releases	4295

Top Ten Offenses

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	COUNT
FAILURE TO APPEAR	1070
REVOC/SUSP/SENT	804
OPER WHILE INTOX – MISD.	488
WANTED OTHER DEPT.	404
THEFT – MISD.	266
BATTERY – MISD.	181
DRIVING WHILE SUSP.	180
OWI – ENDANGERING A PERSON	155
RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT (M)	147
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	133

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Average Daily Inmate Population	372	405	384	389	372	342	321	309
Percent Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		8.87%	-5.19%	1.30%	-4.37%	-8.06%	-6.41%	-3.74%
Average Annual Percent Increase Since 2010		8.87%	3.23%	4.57%	0.00%	-8.06%	-13.71%	-16.94%



JAIL IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

In 2017, the La Porte County Jail had two (2) in-custody related deaths. On January 20th, 2017, an inmate committed suicide within the jail. The La Porte County Coroner indicated the inmate died as the result of asphyxiation by hanging. On July 15th, 2017 an inmate overdosed within the jail. Dr. John D. Feczko determined the cause of the inmate’s death was an accidental overdose of the narcotic Fentanyl. The in-custody deaths were investigated by the La Porte County Sheriff’s Office Detective Bureau.

MAJOR DISTURBANCES

There were no major disturbances in 2017.

NUMBER OF ESCAPES

There were no escapes in 2017.

JUVENILES BOOKED INTO JAIL

Males	3
Females	0

INMATE SERVICES

La Porte County Jail Programs and Services

The following are Programs and Services offered at the La Porte County Jail to assist with enhancing one's character and lifestyle. These programs are monitored and coordinated by the Director of Treatment Services. These programs are facilitated by community volunteers that have been cleared through the County's screening system and have a desire to support those struggling with various interpersonal issues.

- **Substance Abuse Class:** This program is for court-ordered females and males. This class is a collaborative effort sponsored by the La Porte County Judicial System and La Porte County Sheriff's Department. It is a 28-day, 56-session in-house closed treatment program facilitated by an addiction counselor of Swanson Center Community Mental Health Center. This class is the first of the three-phase intensive substance abuse classes offered by Swanson Center. Successful completion of this on-site class constitutes a court order to complete the outpatient phases two and three of the class. The class requires a \$100.00 evaluation fee using the Indiana Assessment and Needs Survey. Once evaluated, and if they meet the criteria for the class they are ordered to pay a \$450.00 fee for the class and material. The court determines if any referrals are indigent and fees may need to be waived.
- **AA/NA Groups:** This is an open-ended group offered to both men and women who have not been court-ordered to the Substance Abuse class that are struggling with addiction. This is a voluntary class facilitated by volunteers from the YANA Club.
- **Counseling:** This is a service that is offered upon request to detainees needing brief solution-focused interventions to manage their moods and thoughts. This service is conducted by the on-site Treatment Services Director and any Master-level interns.
- **Foundations of Successful Living:** This is an open-ended 12-week class for both males and females facilitated by one of our volunteer Pastors. Several different topics are studied, processed, and outlined as it relates to positive communication, healthier relationships, life goals, and breaking negative generational cycles.
- **Juvenile Educational Coordination:** This is a collaborative effort for special educational students that are still registered as full time students with the local community school systems. The school's special educational department provides staff to conduct on-site supportive educational services.
- **La Porte Literacy Coalition:** This service provides numerous spiritual, inspirational, self-help books, and material on a bi-monthly basis to all detainees. This service is provided on a volunteer basis by the La Porte Ministerial Association.
- **Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) Class:** This is an open 10-week systematic class that focuses on changing beliefs, behaviors, and habits related to substance abuse and re-entering back into society. This class and material is facilitated by a certified instructor

volunteer through a self-help treatment grant funded by La Porte County Drug Free Partnership.

- **Spiritual Consultation:** This service provides non-denominational and denominational individual sessions focusing on supporting the inner spirituality. This service is offered upon request of the detainee.
- **Women's Character Studies:** This is an open-ended mentoring group facilitated by the certified MRT facilitator to assist women with defining their character, morals, values, how to improve them, and practice them.
- **Women's Coping with Anger Class:** This is an open class offered to females on an as needed basis and facilitated by a certified volunteer. This class is a cognitive behavior class to assist participants in managing their feelings, behaviors, and practice outlets in a healthier way.

COURTS AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

The Courts and Transportation Division is tasked with transporting inmates to and from court, sometimes transporting inmates to and from the Indiana Department of Corrections (DOC) and other facilities, administering video arraignments, performing applicant investigations for potential employees, administering the Disciplinary Hearing Board per Indiana Adult Disciplinary statutes and serving arrest warrants. The unit services all five (5) courts in LaPorte County; three (3) of which are located in Michigan City.

The unit stats for 2017:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Transported a total of 1,634 inmates to court.
2. Administered video arraignment for 4,720 inmates.
3. Traveled 9,245 total miles for other related transports (DOC, other county jails, etc.)

DISCIPLINARY HEARING BOARD

1. The Disciplinary Hearing Board heard approximately 137 hearings in 2017.

WARRANT SERVICE

1. The Division served a total of 217 arrests warrants during 2017.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM (CWP)

The Community Work Program was supervised in 2017 by Administrative Deputy Bobby Blair and Administrative Deputy Jim Jackson. The program is manned by 2 - 5 inmates daily. Various tasks are performed in the community for the following not-for-profit organizations (this is not an all-conclusive list):

- La Porte County Fair
- La Porte Jaycees
- La Porte County Parks Department
- La Porte City Parks Department
- La Porte County Highway Department
- La Porte County Offices
- Law "Waterford" Cemetery
- Pioneer Cemeteries
- La Porte County Sheriff's Office Firearms Training Range
- Michigan City Airport
- Michigan City Courthouse
- American Red Cross
- La Porte County Solid Waste Program
- Snow Removal
 - Around County Complex
 - For senior citizens when requested
- La Porte County 4-H
- La Porte County Home
- La Porte County Building Maintenance
- La Porte County Sheriff's Office K-9 Training Area
- La Porte County Fair Board
- Michigan City Salvation Army

A total of 5,761 hours was worked by the inmates and Administrative Jail Deputies Blair and Jackson in 2017. At the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, the total value in man hours was \$41,767.25. Administrative Jail Deputy Blair retired in the spring of 2017. Administrative Blair's experience, leadership and mentoring abilities will be missed.

MEDICAL UNIT

All jails and correctional facilities are required by law to provide medical care to inmates, even for pre-existing conditions. All legal avenues are being used by the medical unit to defray the cost to the taxpayers of this medical care. These avenues include:

- claims filed with the inmate's health insurance company (when available),
- \$15.00 per visit fee for being examined by the doctor,
- \$15.00 fee for prescription medications,
- \$5.00 for over-the-counter medications,
- \$15.00 fee for unnecessary requests to see a nurse,
- \$15.00 fee to see the dentist.

Following are the approximate medical costs for the years 2014 - 2017 for providing medical care to the inmates:

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
Medical Costs	\$498,353	\$441,444	\$471,779	\$673,463

DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND

A total of \$79,963.52 was deposited to the general fund in 2017. The breakdown is as follows:

Housing DOC Inmates	\$65,975.00
Housing USMS Inmates	\$1,216.00
Inmate Medical Co-Pays	\$10,553.62
Restitution by Inmates for Damaging Jail Property	\$2,218.90
Total	\$79,963.52

JAIL STAFFING

Seventy-six (76) officers comprise the staff of the LaPorte County Jail. Staffing assignments are as follows:

1. Administrative	3
2. Operations	54
3. Inmate Classification	1
4. Administrative Deputies	2
5. Community Work Program	1
6. Director of Treatment Services	1
7. Courts and Transportation	6
8. Information Technology	1
9. Director of Food Services	1
10. Part-time Cooks	6

Shift Operations

In 2017, the Jail Staff operated at less than full capacity throughout most of the year. The result was that \$302,000.00 dollars were spent in overtime monies. This amount was an increase from the previous year. The staff operated at less than full capacity and a total of 16 new employees were hired. In addition, some of the overtime costs were created by medical emergencies, illnesses, FMLA and inmate transports. Some of the vacancies were caused by Jail Deputies being hired by the La Porte County Sheriff's Office as a Merit Deputy or by other agencies as a law enforcement officer. This demonstrates that the La Porte County Jail continues

to provide training and quality performance that prepares our deputies for career advancement. Other vacancies were created by Jail Deputies who resigned for various reasons.

Medical Unit

Advanced Correction Healthcare (ACH) is the jail's contracted medical healthcare provider. ACH continues to recruit, hire, and supervise nurses within the Jail. On June 26th, 2017, ACH Health Services Administrator Vicki Bartz was tragically killed in a car crash on US 30 while on her way to work in the jail. Vicki's leadership style, medical experience, friendship and caring personality are/will continue to be missed.

A Jail Deputy is assigned to the Medical Unit to provide additional security and conduct medical relate transports.

Inmate Classification

The La Porte County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the housing and supervision of inmates in the Jail.

The Jail currently has one (1) Jail Deputy that performs classification duties full-time. Booking Jail Deputies are also trained in classification for initial inmate placement upon book in. This helps keep the holding cells in Processing clear for new intakes. It is a future goal to train and add additional classification Jail Deputies to each shift.

Inmate classification is a huge issue in corrections. The purpose of classification is to recognize inmates that can be housed together versus those who cannot. The principal is to keep the predators separated from the prey. The system works quite well in preventing inmate problems such as fights, extortion, rapes, etc.

JAIL KITCHEN

The Kitchen in the Jail is staffed by one (1) Director of Food Services and budgeted for six (6) part-time kitchen cooks. However, throughout 2017, the kitchen staff operated with less than the budgeted six (6) part-time cooks for various reasons. In addition to the employees, approximately five (5) to seven (7) inmate trustee workers provide work-related services within the kitchen. In addition to the meals that are prepared and provided to the inmates in the Jail, the Kitchen staff is also responsible for providing meals for the La Porte County Work Release Center.

In 2017, a total of 14,398 meals were prepared for the La Porte County Work Release Center. In 2017, a total of 325,687 meals were prepared for inmates being held in the La Porte County Jail. Thus, a total of 340,085 inmate meals were prepared in 2017 by the La Porte County Jail Kitchen and staff.

JAIL NEEDS/MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department took on many projects throughout the Jail during 2017. A team of two-three maintenance employees are assigned to address matters that arise in the jail. This greatly assists with the maintenance demands of the jail and addressing them in a timely fashion.

1. In 2017, one-thousand, four-hundred and forty-five (1,445) work orders were submitted for repairs within the jail. In comparison, in 2016, approximately seven hundred and twenty-eight (728) work orders were submitted for repairs within the jail.
2. Carpeting in the control pods is completely worn out and in need of replacement.
3. Tile in some of the hallways is not adhering to the floor.
4. Heating and cooling have always been an issue. It takes too long for the temperature to adjust. Certain areas of the jail are either too cold or warm, depending on the weather. Staff continuously test the temperature in all areas of the jail and makes necessary adjustments. County Maintenance continues to attempt to resolve these issues.
5. The Indiana Sheriffs Association has recommended that all Jail camera recording devices extend their recording capabilities to 180 days. The Jail's current DVR system holds up to 60 days of footage. The process to upgrade the DVR storage abilities will be very expensive. Options are being explored.
6. Showers in both the male and female infirmaries are inoperable due to poor design. Water is not directed to the floor drain because the floor was not leveled properly and a shower edge or lip is not present. Water runs out of the shower areas and into the living areas of the infirmaries. DLZ has been notified and they are working on a repair plan.
7. The showers on the south side of the Jail are continuing to hold water underneath the shower unit itself.
8. The foam padding in TH-02 needs to be replaced. The bottom of the door is exposed creating safety risk to mental health inmates.
9. The Jail Administration door needs to be replaced. The door does not have a window to see through, nor a camera to view who is on the opposite side of the door. Furthermore, when the door opens, the door extends out to the catwalk between the courthouse and complex building posing a safety risk to the public walking by. Most importantly though, the Jail Administration does not know who is on the other side of the door when the doorbell rings. This poses a tremendous security threat to the members of the Jail Administration.

Completed Projects

1. Some of the cameras in the temporary holding cells were adjusted. Now all the cameras in the temporary holding cells are consistent and have the same camera view.

TRAINING

In 2017, the employees of the Jail Division received six thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven (6,327) hours of training. This number equates to an average of 89.11 hours of training received per employee. A total of sixteen (16) new jail employees were hired in 2017. The new employees received a total of two thousand, two hundred and fifty-four (2,254) hours of training prior to working a duty assignment by themselves. This number equates to an average of 140.875 hours of training received per new employee

House Bill 1269 directly affects County Jails. Sheriffs are now tasked with submitting applications for those inmates who qualify for Medicaid. While this is a step in the right direction for healthcare, it is a daunting task for an already short-staffed jail.

The part-time Administrative Assistant Nila Williams has been submitting applications to the FSSA for qualifying inmates. What qualifies an inmate is based on four main factors: when the length of stay in the County Jail is thirty (30) days or greater, the inmate's age is between nineteen (19) and sixty-four (64) years of age, the inmate must be an Indiana resident, and they do not already have health insurance or Medicaid.

In 2017, two-hundred and forty-six (246) Medicaid applications were submitted. Medicaid will now pay for any inmate's overnight stay in a hospital in qualifying situations. The County Commissioners previously signed a FSSA contract on March 2, 2016 for the County to receive reimbursement.

In July of 2017, the decision was made to change commissary companies. Administrative Assistant Jeanne Crosslin took upon the great undertaking to switch from Keefe to Tiger Commissary. In conjunction, the decision was also made to extend the contract of the Jail's telephone and visitation provider Securus. The transition is taking place now and not every project has been completed with this conversation. The remaining tasks to be completed need to be done so by Securus, not a Jail Division employee.

During the fall of 2017, the purchase of a SecurPASS Body Scanner was approved by the La Porte County Council. In November of 2017, the SecurPASS Scanner was implemented into the operations of the Jail Division. The employees of the Jail Division are extremely blessed and thankful for this valuable piece of equipment.

Because of understaffing proven by a prior staff analysis study, additional stressors and demands are placed on the employees of each shift all while continuing to work in a dangerous environment. The employees of the Jail Division are being asked to do more with less.

The Jail Administration continues to explore different ways to increase the morale of the Jail Deputies. For example, Jail Deputies who are assigned to a shift could bid for one of three shifts (Day, Afternoon, and Midnight). The thought and hope is that this allows the Jail Deputies input as to what works best for them in their professional and personal lives. Overall, 2017 proved to be a very productive and positive year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Captain Derek J. Allen
Jail Commander

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State Jail Inspector
La Porte County Commissioner President
La Porte County Council President
La Porte County Prosecutor
La Porte County Auditor
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