

Jail Division

The jail division houses adults that are arrested in St. Joseph County. We house females, males and even juveniles that have been waived to the adult legal system. The new jail opened its doors on July 1, 2001 with a population of 309 inmates and since then we have more than doubled our inmate population. The jail has 24 hour medical care on site and dental care is provided on a weekly basis as needed. The Madison Center is also available at the jail 7 days to tend to the special needs of the inmates. There are religious programs, treatment programs as well as educational programs for those who qualify. The inmates may order commissary once a week and there is a library to supply books to them for leisure reading. Goal: The jail strives to humanely and safely house all those people incarcerated in St. Joseph County while they are processed through the criminal justice system. We promote the inmates getting involved in religious programs as well as educational and treatment programs to help better prepare them for release. The jail is a civilian run facility with 102 employees. The employees assignments cover a wide range of duties that vary from the shift assigned rank positions including Lieutenants and Sergeants to many speciality fields. Some of the speciality fields include our K-9 Billy and his handler (Billy is assigned to the jail and also assists with road patrol calls and school searches), a Property Room Deputy, Commissary Deputy, Programs Director, Classification Department with 1 Sergeant and two Deputies, an Inmate Cleaning Crew Deputy, Conduct Adjustment Board Sergeant (who is also the Detention Response Team Commander) and an Evidence Room Deputy. Mission Statement: To provide a safe, secure and humane facility for all inmates and staff in accordance with the accepted standards of jail management.