

Agency: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) and Division of Pre-trial and Detention Services (DPDS)

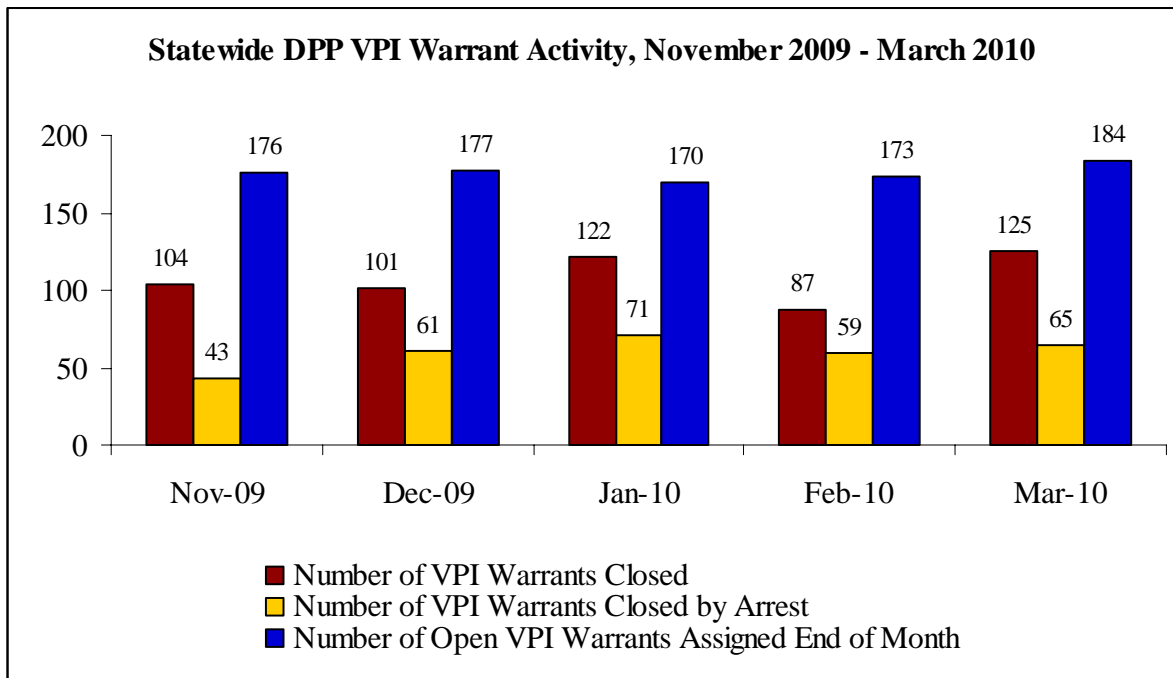
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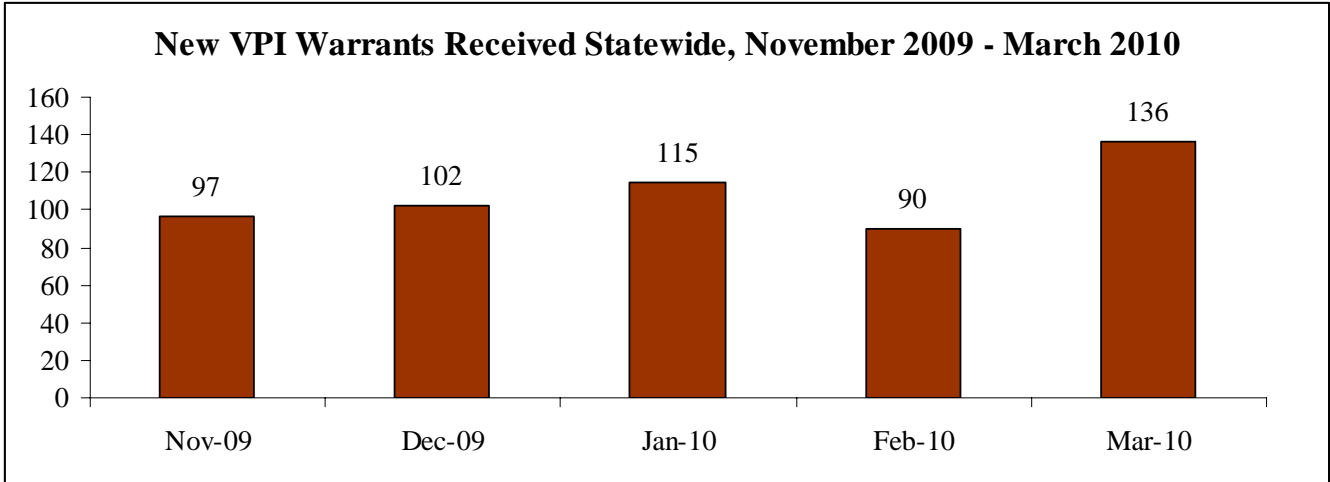
Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DPSCS—DPP/DPDS Stat on April 29, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor’s Delivery Unit (GDU).

Warrants

- **Statewide Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) Warrants.** Although statewide VPI warrant closures showed a 44 percent increase, the total number of open VPI warrants continued to increase. This is largely due to a 51 percent increase in new VPI warrants between February and March.

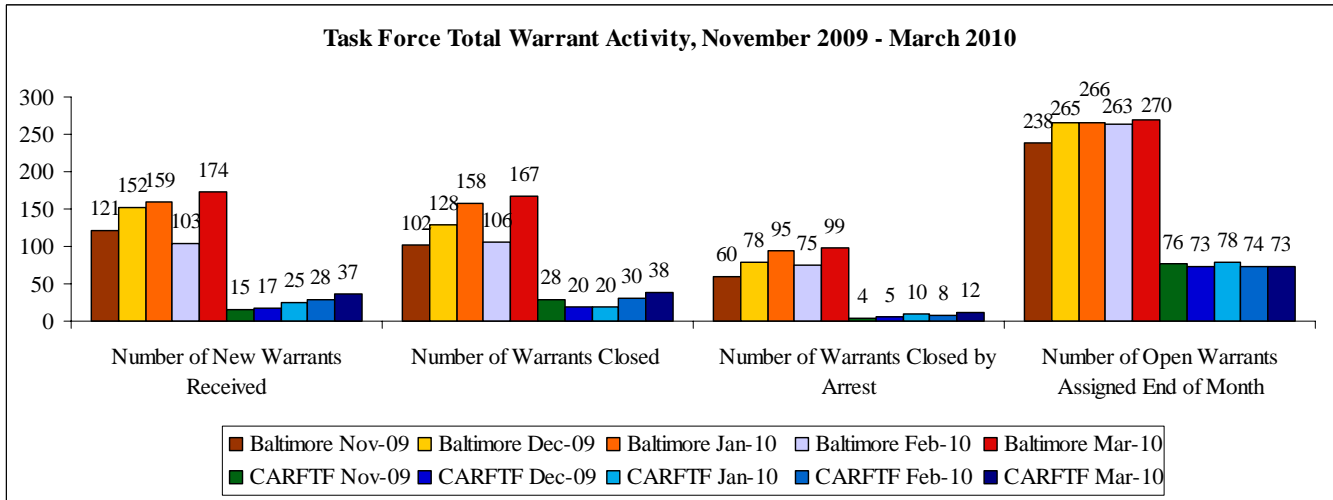
The Department noted that it is in the process of reviewing warrants that are issued for DPP supervisees and issuing them to each region to ensure that warrants are regularly reviewed and progress is made. In addition, discussion focused on the role of DPP agents at various task forces, as well as the Department’s efforts to disseminate warrant information to local law enforcement partners throughout the state.





- Warrant Service Task Forces.** The chart below highlights composite warrant service at the two regional warrant task forces in Baltimore City (Warrant Apprehension Task Force – WATF) and Prince George’s County (Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force – CARFTF). Total warrants closed and total warrants closed by arrest increased in March at both task forces, though the percentage of closures by arrest remains higher at Baltimore WATF than at CARFTF. Overall, the backlog of open warrants assigned to DPP agents at each task force has remained essentially constant over the past several months.

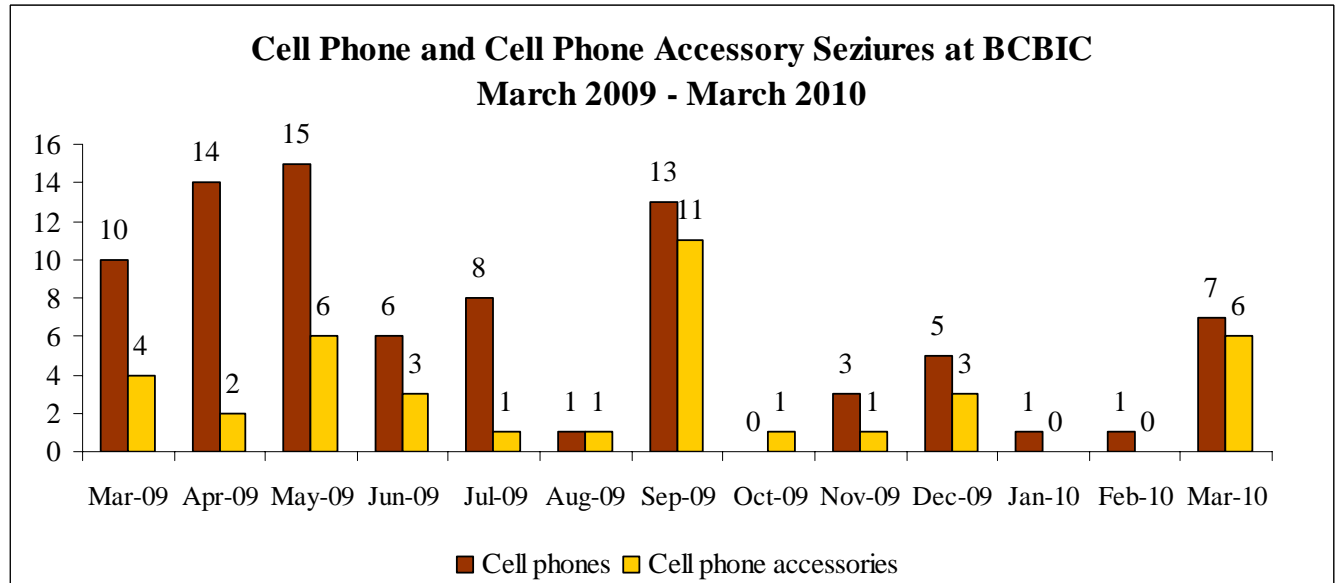
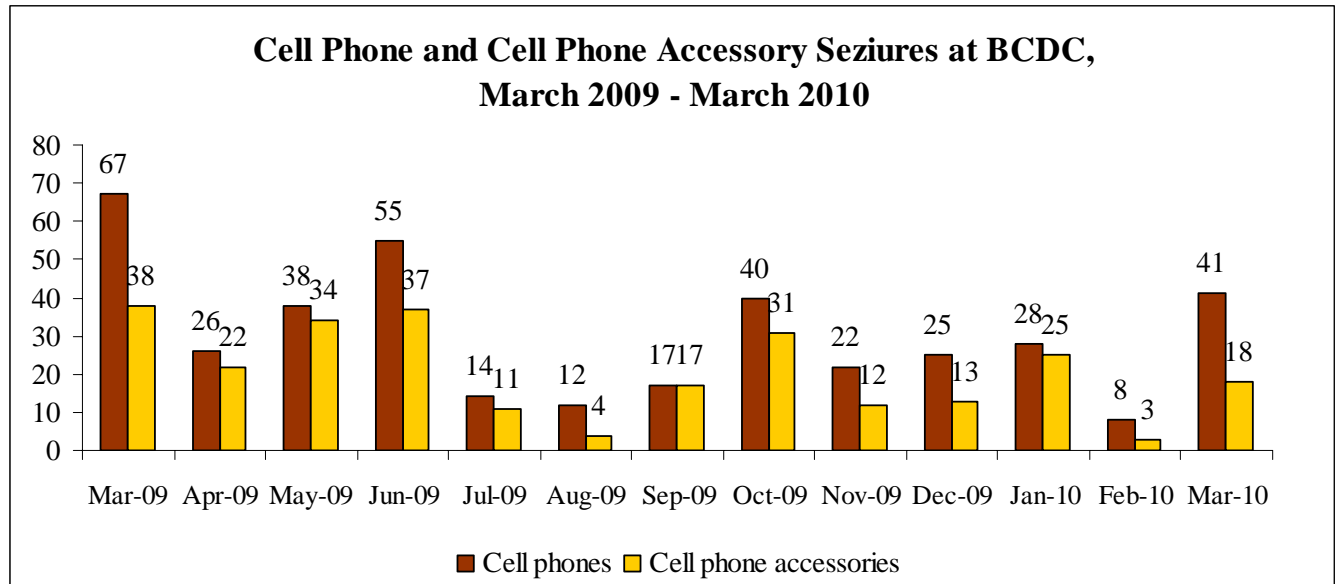
The Division noted that it has an 80% closure rate across the board and that its participation at these task forces, as well as a new task force in Salisbury, MD, provides greater research capacity for these regions.



- Media Warrant Outreach.** DPP has initiated efforts to publicize through media outlets high priority open DPP warrants. DPP reports that the DPSCS Communications Office has drafted a media plan to present several options for increasing public awareness of high priority warrants.

Contraband

- Current data.** The Division of Pre-trial and Detention Services (DPDS) is working to improve contraband seizure protocols and ensure that they are being followed accurately. The Department anticipated contraband seizures to rise as a result of its increasing efforts, which was supported by March data.



*BCDC: Baltimore Central Detention Center

BCBIC: Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Facility

- Cell Phone Investigations.** The Department updated information on the number of investigations that have resulted from seizures of contraband cell phones. Overall, the Department appears to be making progress in the number of investigations that lead to successful prosecutions. Furthermore, the Department notes the State's Attorney's Office has not declined to prosecute cases where the investigator assigned to Baltimore has secured charging documents. Lastly, the investigator

assigned to Baltimore City cases has reached out to Baltimore Police Department's Intelligence Unit to advise them of individuals involved in his cell phone investigations.

The Division noted that its efforts are improving to prosecute cases and improve results. Investigators from the Department's IIU noted that the increased effort is resulting in sentences, and will ultimately also impact parole decisions and DPP supervision of mandatory releases.

Internal Investigations Unit (IIU) Cell Phone Investigations, 11/01/09 - 04/18/10	
Cases Accepted by IIU	74
Cases Accepted by Baltimore Region IIU Cell Phone Detective	59
Cases Resulting in Charging Documents	32
Cases Awaiting Prosecution	21
Awaiting Court Date	16
Court Date Scheduled	5
Cases Tried	6
Not Guilty	1
Guilty	5

- **New Contraband Template.** As a result of recent contraband discussions, the Department has developed a more comprehensive contraband template. The goal of the new template is to better track not only total contraband seizures, but details on where the contraband is found and the results of contraband seizures.

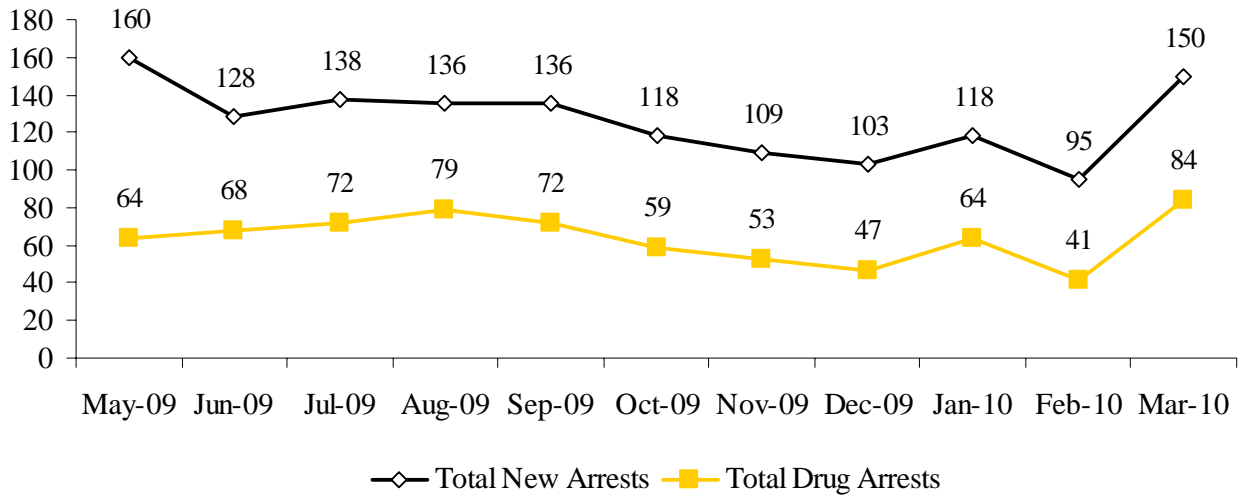
Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) Supervision

- **Increased Warrants and Arrests.** March showed an increase in the number of warrants and new offense arrests for both the VPI-1 and VPI-2 populations. VPI-1 arrests reached their second highest level since the split into VPI-1 and VPI-2, and VPI warrants for both populations reached all time highs.

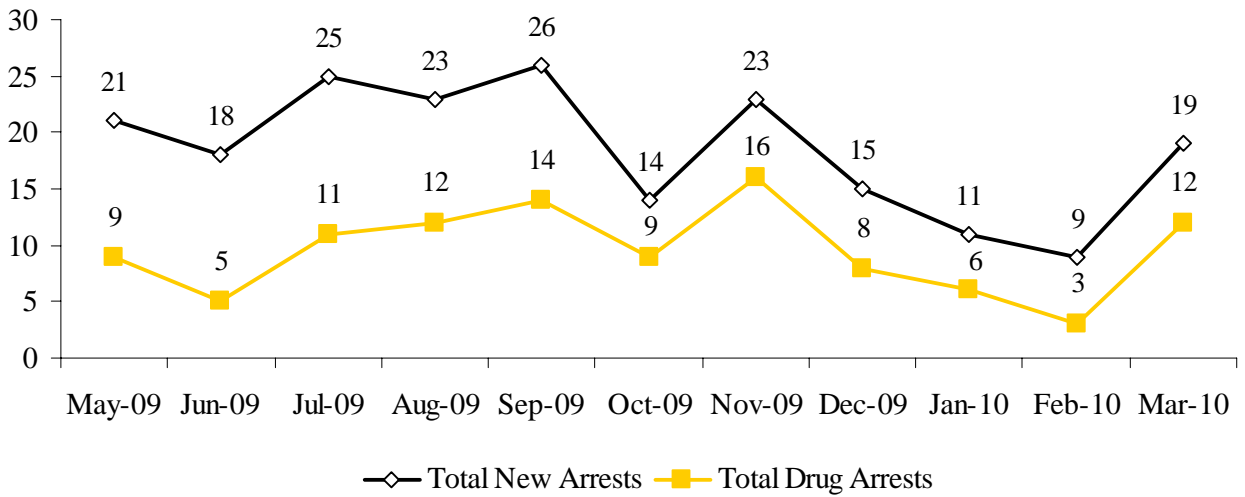
The Division noted that it was unsure why arrests and warrants were higher, but indicated that it was reviewing it to determine if there were any trends. In addition, the Department noted that the percentage of arrests for serious or violent crimes was not increasing during the same period. In addition, given that drug arrests are driving total VPI arrests, the Department noted its efforts to improve drug screening and treatment for VPI offenders. VPI offenders are required to submit to urinalysis twice a week at the beginning of supervision, and step down if they are compliant. In addition, they are reviewing drug treatment policies to work to frontload treatment for this population.

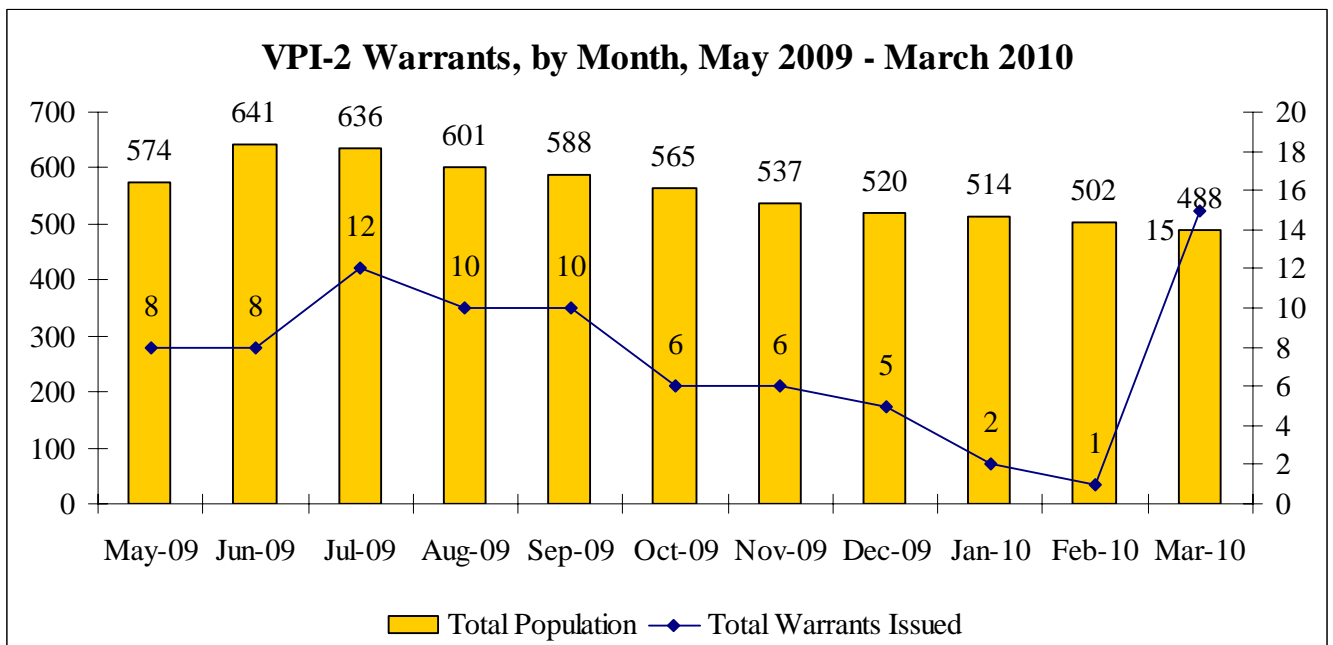
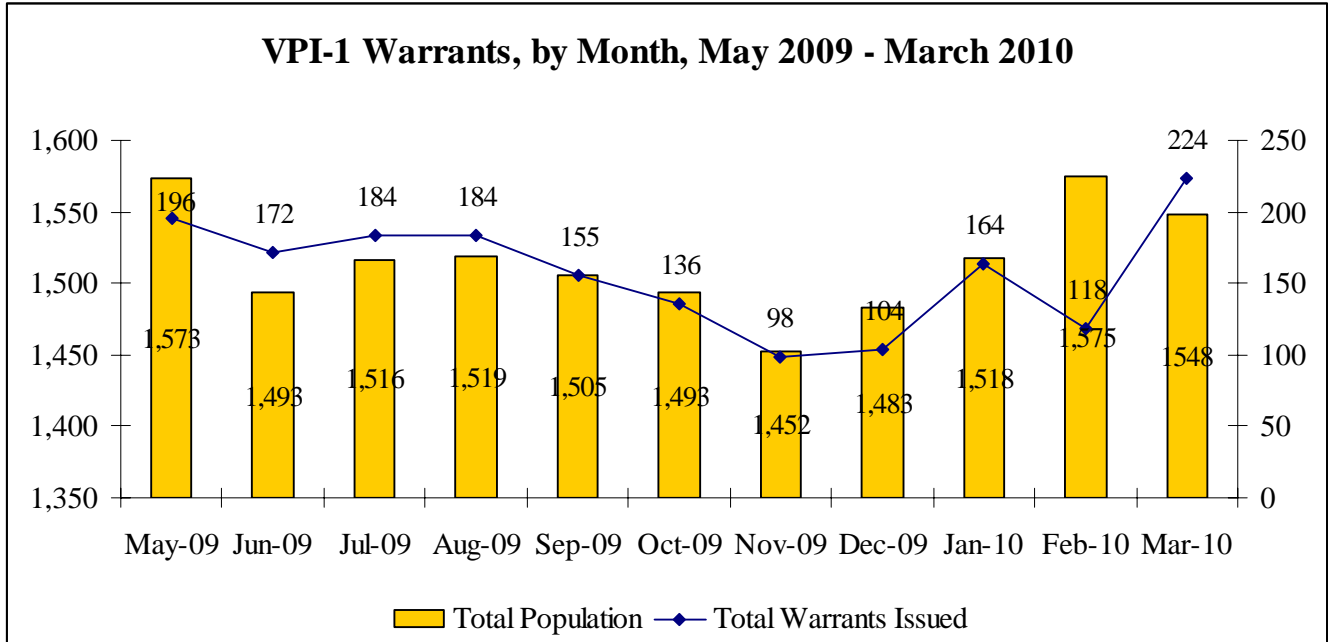
VPI-1 requires two weekly contacts with the agent and one additional phone contact.
 VPI-2 requires one weekly contact with the agent.

**VPI-1 Total New Arrests and Total New Drug Arrests,
May - December 2009**



**VPI-2 Total New Arrests and Total New Drug Arrests,
May - December 2009**

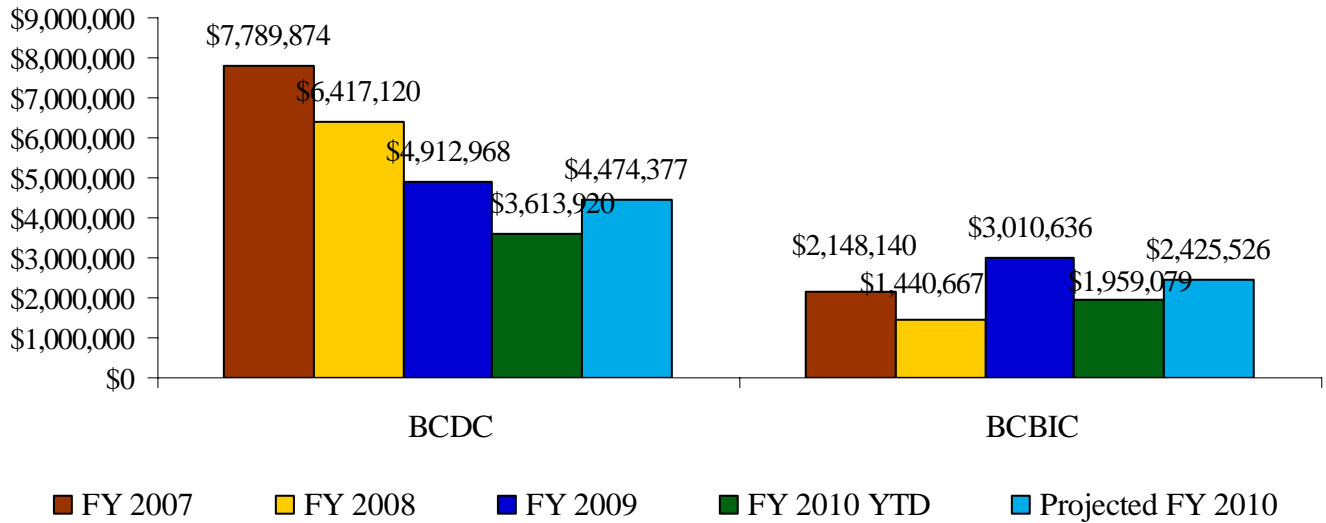




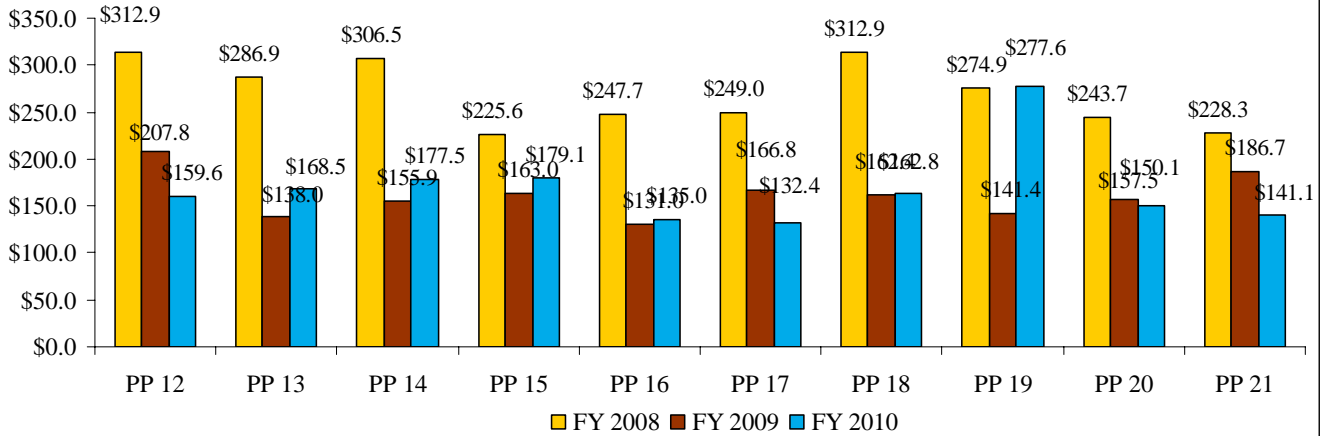
Overtime

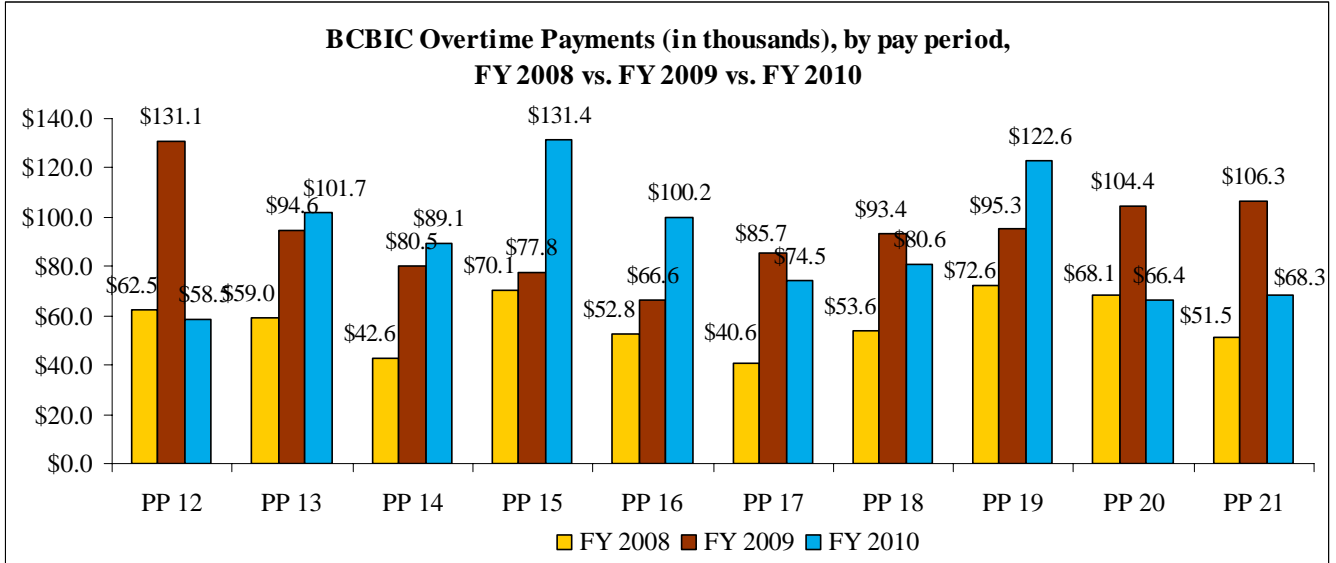
- Overview.** Overall, the Department appears to be making progress with its efforts to reduce overtime; as we approach the end of the year, it appears that Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Facility (BCBIC) will have a reduction in overtime for FY 2010 after the substantial increase in FY 2009. Furthermore, data suggests that Baltimore Central Detention Center (BCDC) will show a very slight reduction.

**OT Expenditures (dollars), BCDC and BCBI
FY 2007-FY 2010 YTD and FY 2010 Projections**



**BCDC Overtime Payments (in thousands), by pay period,
FY 2008 vs. FY 2009 vs. FY 2010**





- Special Assignment Post Data.** Previous discussions have focused on the Department’s use of secondary medical special assignment posts (SAPs), but the Department indicated that it has stopped reporting this data and wished to discuss it.

The Division noted that during its review of overtime and special assignment posts the method of collecting data had become unclear and could not be fully used in establishing staffing plans. As a result, they are “restarting” their collection of the data beginning April 20th, including analyzing staffing positions to determine if special assignment posts are needed. In addition, they have set overtime targets for both facilities in efforts to control the total cost of overtime.

In addition, the Division noted that has set new transportation protocols for medical appointments. The goal of these protocols is to consolidate medical transportation for non-emergency treatments and clinical visits and create greater efficiencies. Where possible, the Division is also working to utilize medical transports by the Division of Correction.