

Meeting Summary

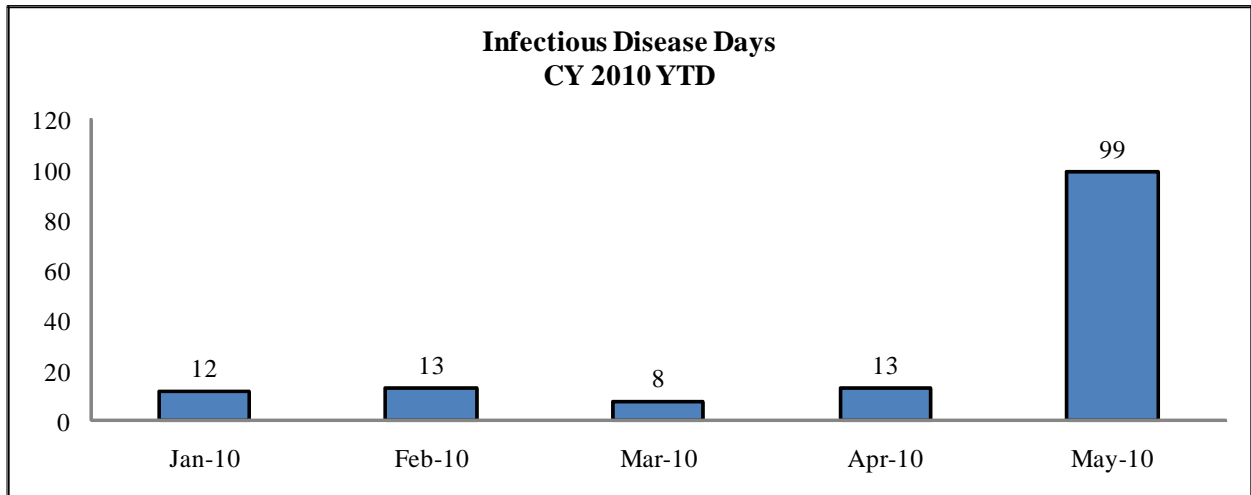
Agency: DPSCS-DOC

Date of Meeting: July 15, 2010

Office of Treatment Services (OTS) Utilization

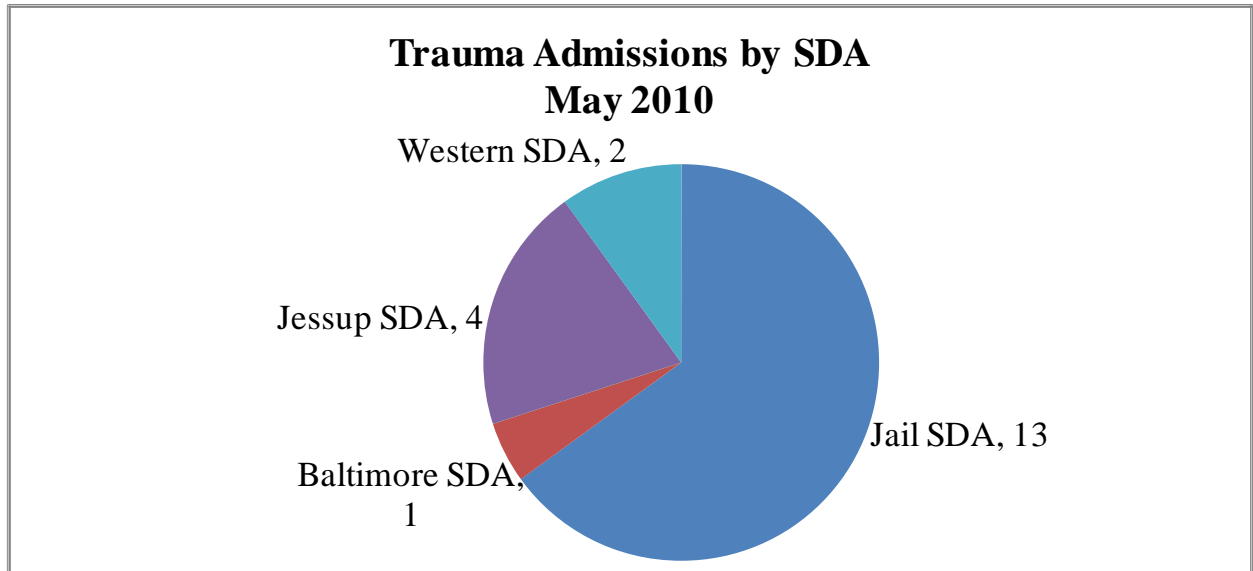
- **Infectious Disease.** Total infectious disease admissions and days increased in May 2010, with 42 of the 99 days occurring in the Western SDA.

The agency reported that the nature of these infectious diseases may from MRSA to pneumonia, with sepsis being the most frequent. A review of nursing protocol, an increase of inmate education, and distribution of health literature are all being considered to remedy the situation.



- **Trauma.** Trauma admissions and days also increased in May, with 13 of the 20 admissions coming from the Jail SDA as shown in the chart below.

The Department discussed particular cases that increased the trauma admits, noting that not all traumas were the result of assaults.



Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE)

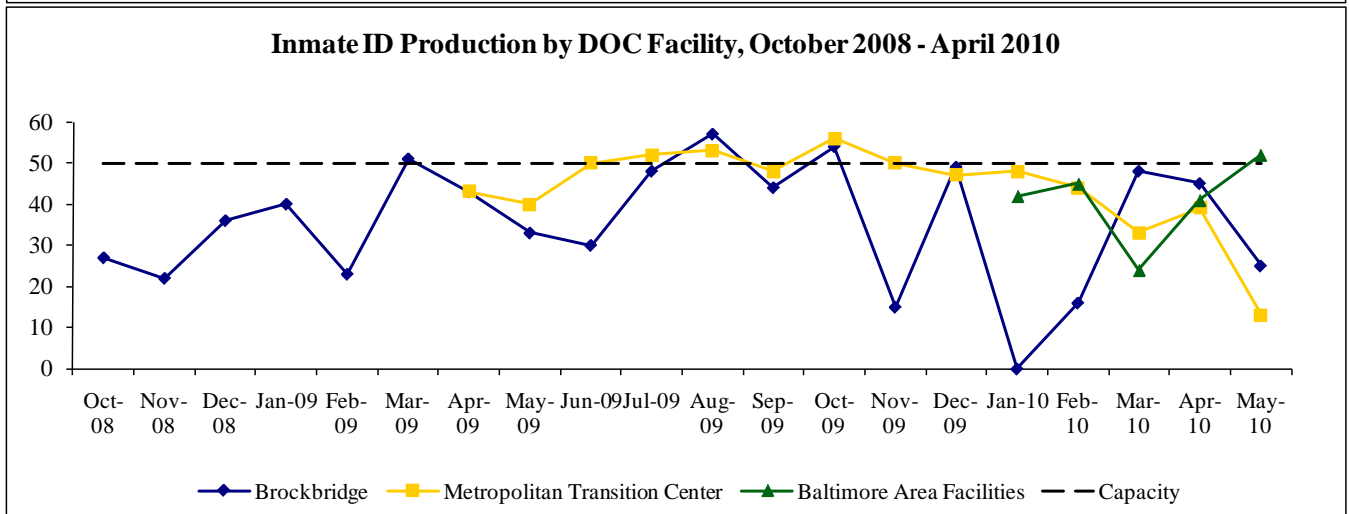
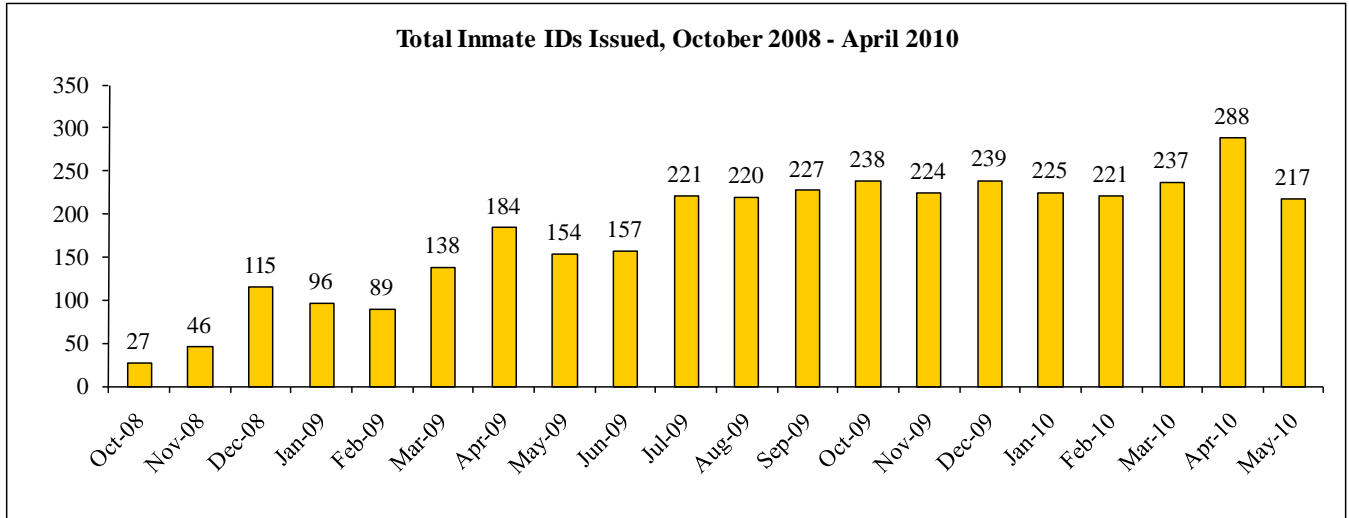
- **Business Plan.** Department has submitted its MCE Strategic Business Plan for fiscal years 2011-2013 to StateStat/Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU). The Plan was developed by MCE employees, facilitated by the DPSCS Professional Development and Training Division, and is based on the goals of: maintaining a self-supporting status, increasing inmate employment, increasing customer satisfaction, improving organizational excellence, and providing support and services for successful inmate transition to the community. Within this plan, specific targets, strategies, and implementation benchmarks have been set; however, many of these have long-term deadlines of 2013. GDU believes it would be worthwhile for the Department to set yearly interim benchmarks that can be tracked more regularly.

The Department stated that it will be able to provide more regular reports on progress.

Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) IDs

- **IDs Issued.** The total number of IDs issued to inmates dropped 24 percent in May, largely due to a significant decrease in IDs issued through the mobile bus. Only the Baltimore-area facilities met the target of 50 IDs processed, with Brockbridge and the Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) well below the goal of 50 IDs.

The Department noted that the majority of issues occurred due to issues in getting inmates to make their appointments, as some had chosen to attend work-release days instead of their scheduled appointments. The Department noted that it has now engaged wardens at these facilities to enforce policies and procedures relating MVA Bus visits to improve participation.



Mobile Bus Inmate IDs Issued by Site, CY 2010 YTD					
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10
Brockbridge	0	16	48	45	25
MTC	48	44	33	39	13
Baltimore Area	42	45	24	41	52
Bus Capacity	50	50	50	50	50

- Goals.** At the previous meeting, Deputy Chief of Staff Ted Dallas discussed the Department’s plan to increase IDs issued, largely by increasing efforts to improve education of inmates for post-release IDs as well as an effort to reduce inmate refusals.

The Department stated its goal was to reach 480 IDs issued per month, and the Department was asked to develop interim goals to reach this goals. In addition, Commissioner Stouffer discussed that the measures will be tracked by recording each inmate who is released and the method of release, and determining if the release was accompanied with an MVA ID or a DOC ID (which would allow a free post-release MVA ID).

Child Support Payment Incentive Program (PIP)

- **Overview.** Senate Bill 154/House Bill 263 of 2007 established the Child Support Payment Incentive Program (PIP), administered by the Department of Human Resources (DHR), which provides low income individuals owing arrears to the State of Maryland, including ex-offenders, a reduction of State child support arrears if a non-custodial parent (NCP) successfully pays court-ordered child support for a period of time.

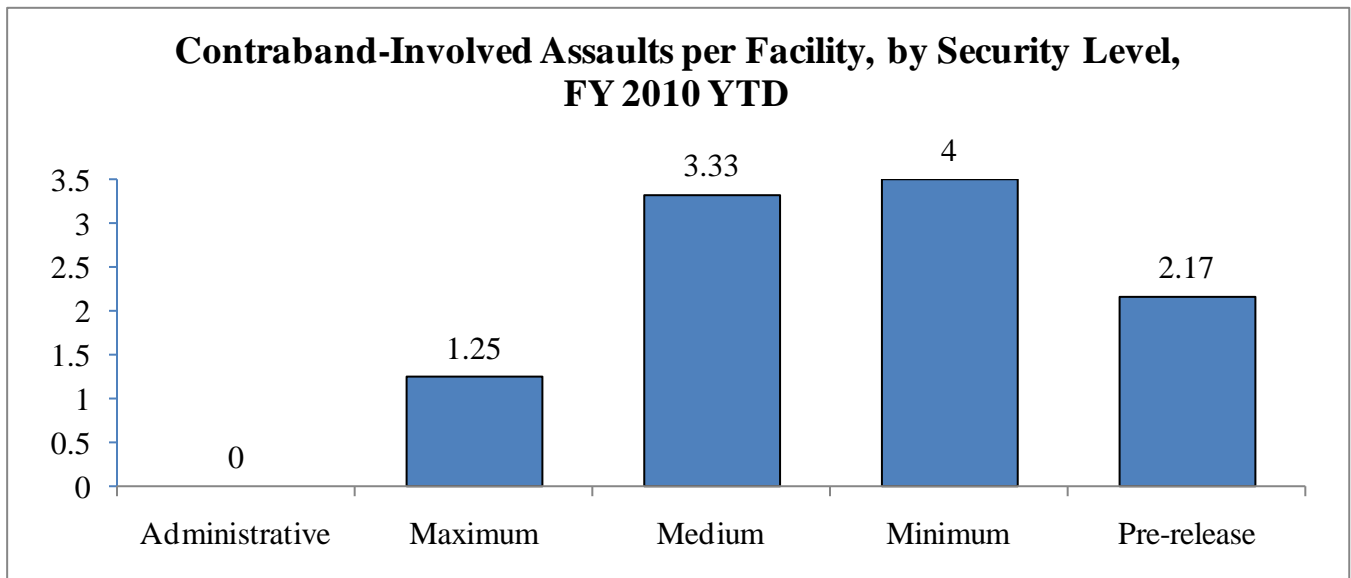
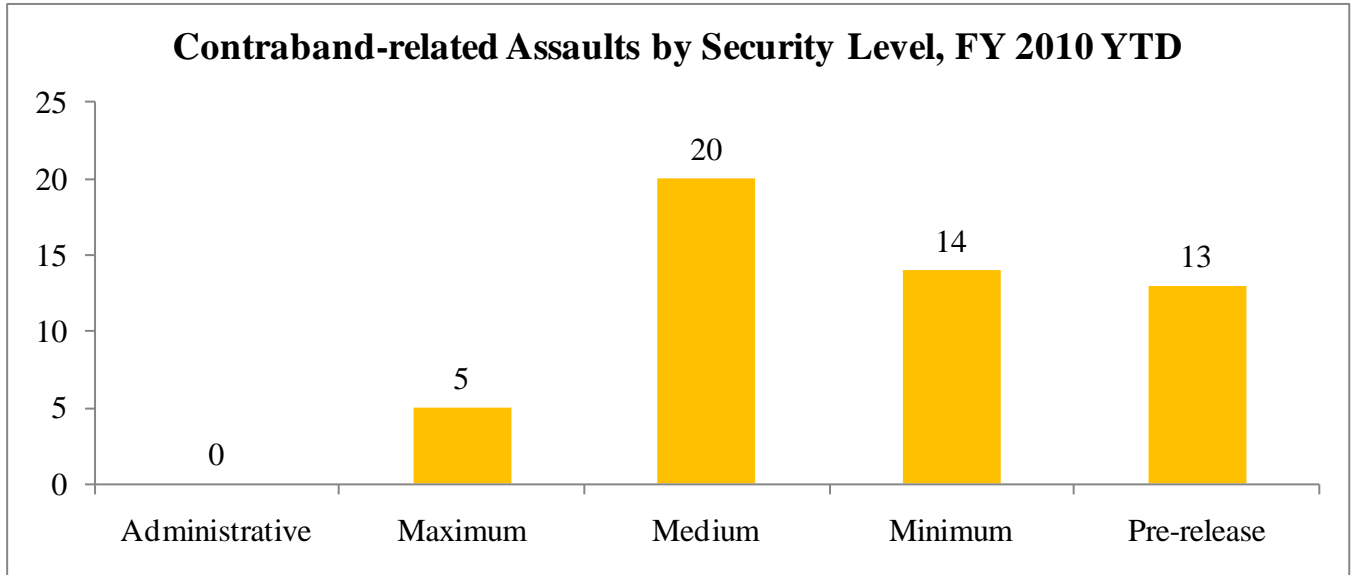
Child Support Payment Incentive Program (PIP) Eligability and Program Rules	
Eligability	Incentives
Associated with a case in which there is a Maryland Court order and permanently assigned arrears owed to the State of Maryland	If NCP pays 12 consecutive months of court-ordered child support, State owed arrears will be reduced by 50 percent
Income less than 225 percent of the federal poverty level	If NCP pays 24 consecutive months of court-ordered child support, State owed arrears are eliminated
Three attempts to complete the program are allowed; if terminated for non-compliance, NCP is disqualified	

- **DPSCS Outreach.** In addition to DHR’s efforts to reach out through DPP and fatherhood programs, StateStat identified DPSCS release as a potential area where information about the PIP could be distributed as part of efforts to increase outreach.

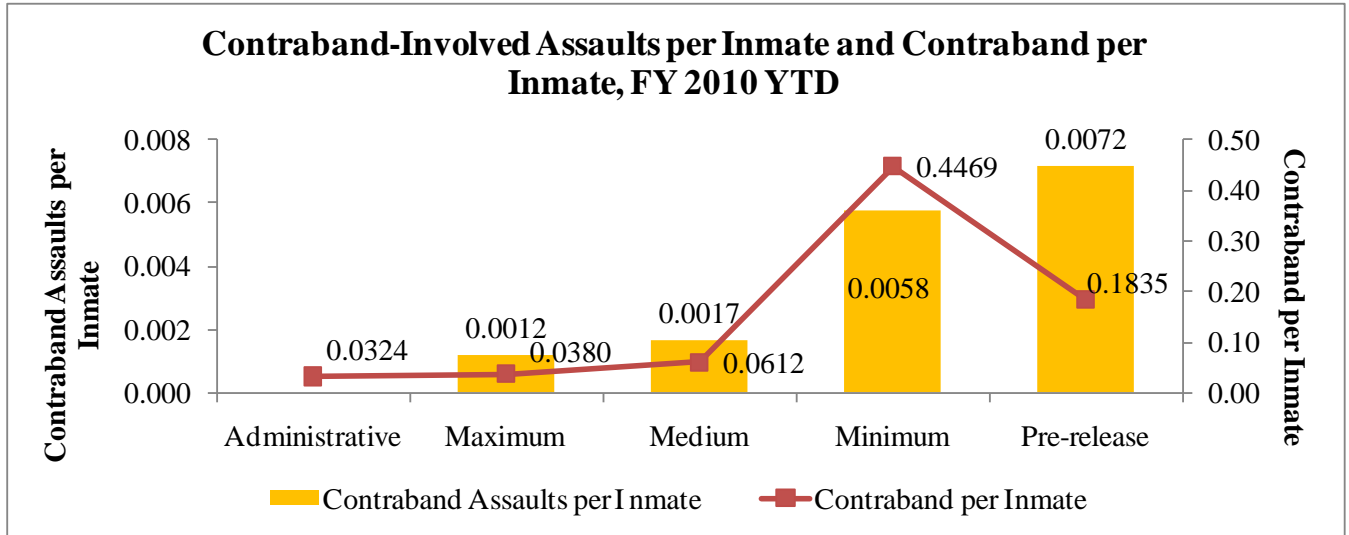
The Department reported that it is currently reaching out to DHR to discuss expanding outreach for the program.

Contraband and Assaults

- **Overview.** At the previous meeting, StateStat presented analysis regarding contraband seizures per inmate and the correlation between contraband and assaults. The Division of Correction has provided additional information on the number of contraband-related assaults. Overall, 16 percent of all assaults in FY 2010 had contraband involvement, which the department has reported as meaning assaults over possession of contraband.

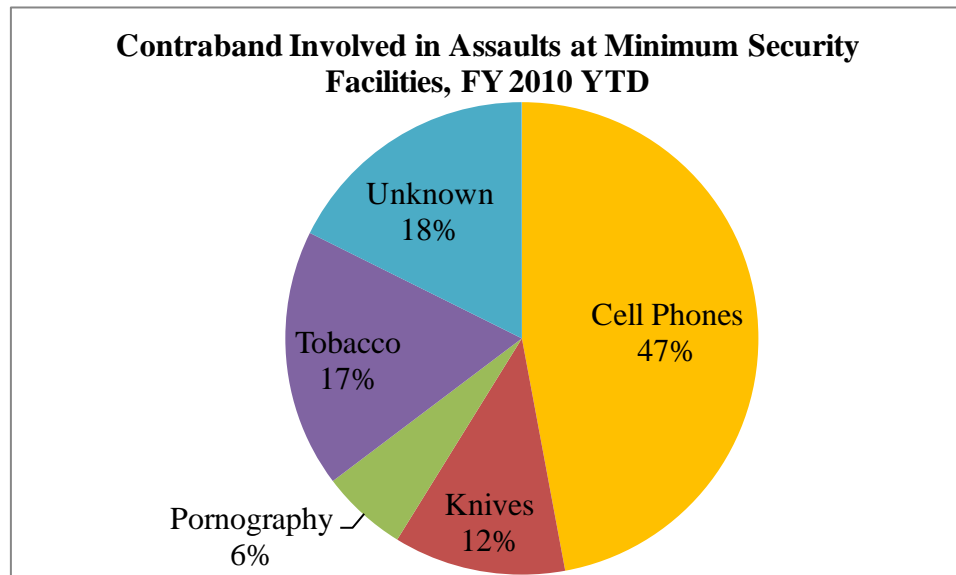


- Relation of Contraband and Contraband Assaults.** As shown below, the amount of contraband per facility and the number of assaults are generally correlated. However, pre-release facilities have the highest number of contraband-related assaults with a rate of contraband per inmate much lower than minimum-security facilities, suggesting that violence at pre-release areas is higher. The agency reported this is due largely to higher traffic in these facilities.



- Contraband Types related to Assaults.** The Department provided information regarding the types of contraband involved in the 14 contraband-involved assaults at minimum security facilities. The data suggests that the contraband is not directly involved in the assault, but connected to the assault incident in some undetermined way. A higher percentage of cell phones were related to assaults.

The Department noted that the contraband involvement meant that the contraband was directly related to the assault—generally, caused by inmate conflict regarding possession or control of the contraband.

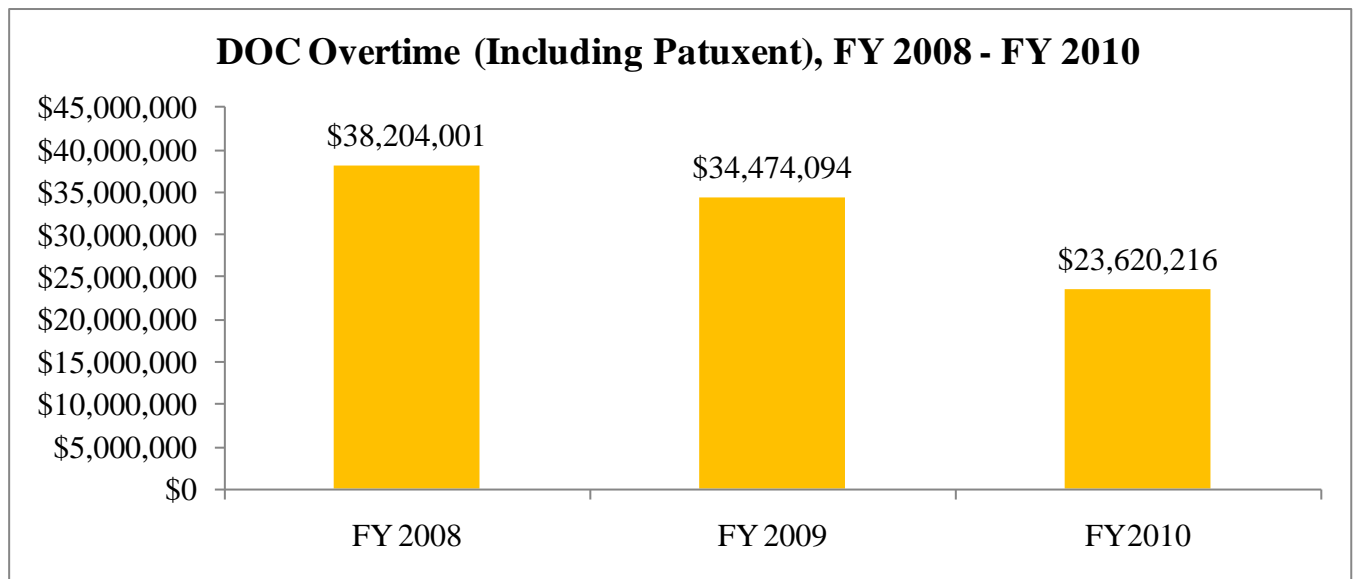


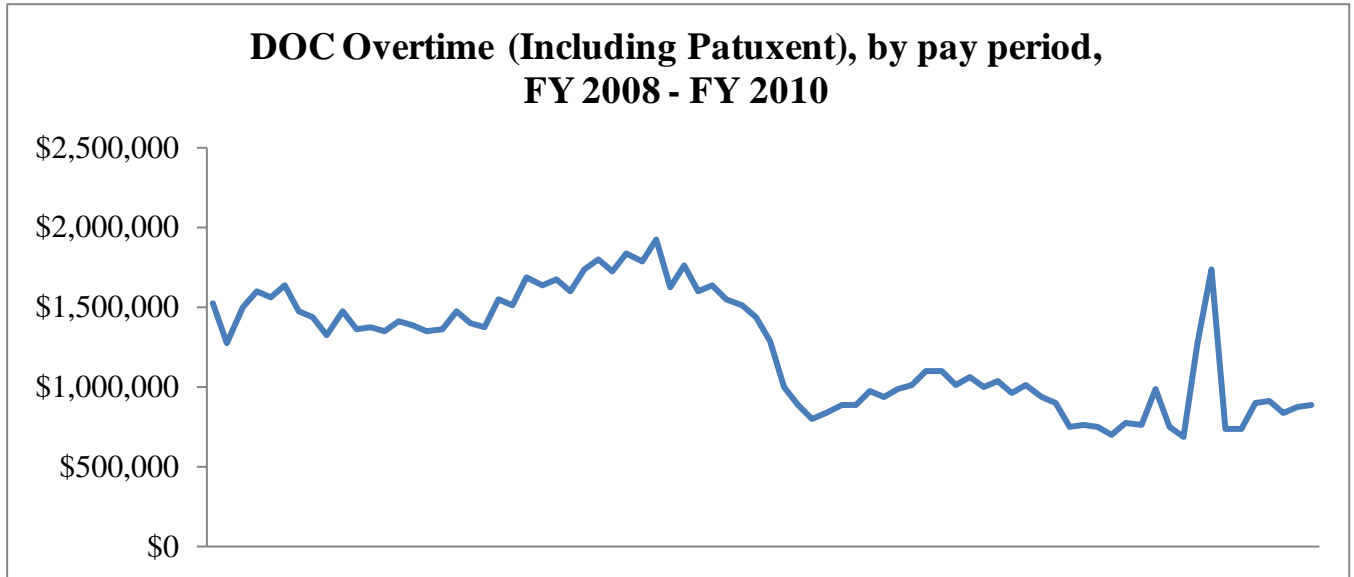
Assaults Involving Contraband at Minimum Security Facilities, FY 2010 YTD	
Cell Phones	8
Knives	2
Pornography	1
Tobacco	3
Unknown	3

Note: Some Assaults Involved Multiple Contraband Items

Overtime

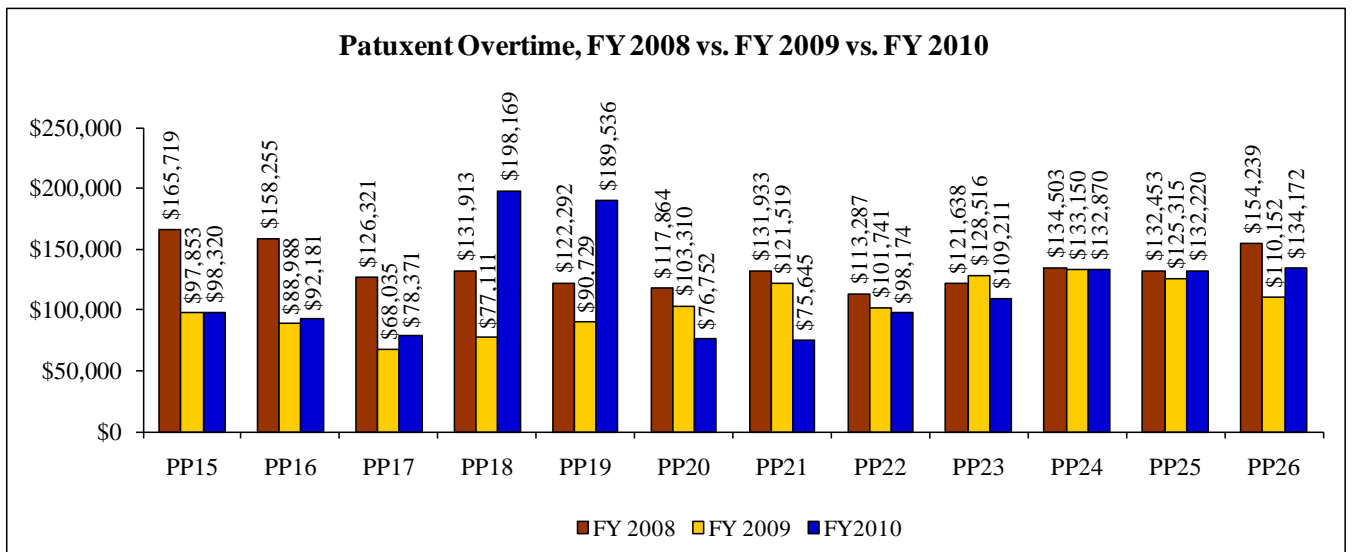
- Year-end Reduction.** For all DOC facilities, including Patuxent Institution, the Department showed 31 percent reduction in overtime, a significant improvement over the 9 percent reduction from FY 2008 to FY 2009.

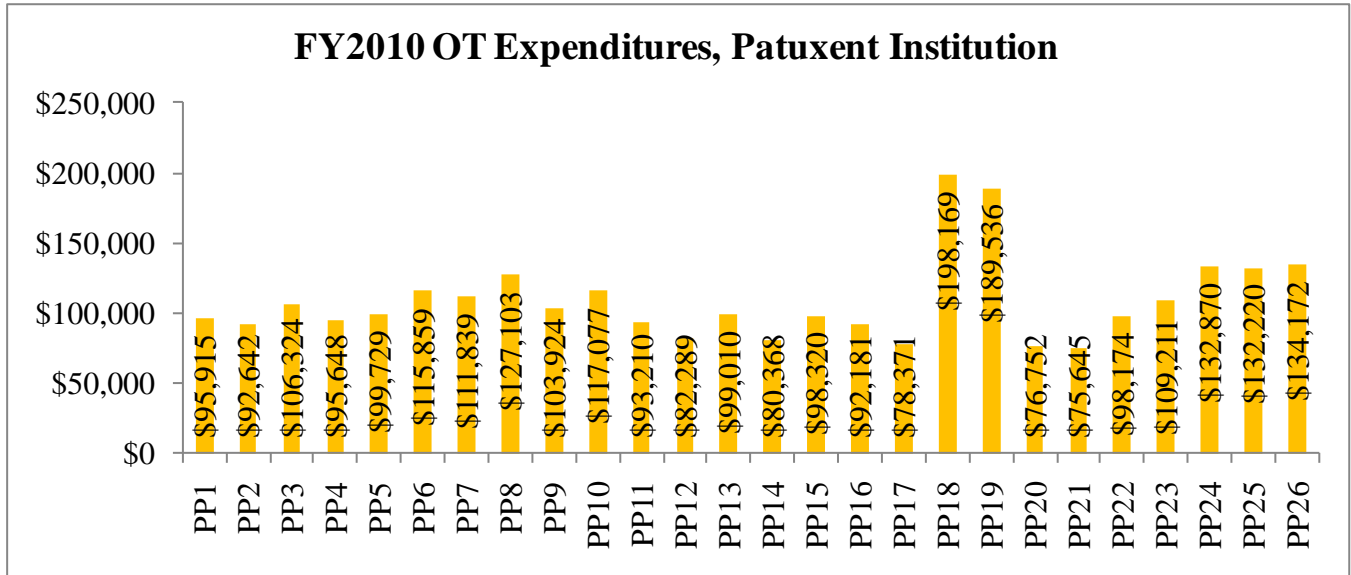




- Patuxent Institution.** The Department reported a slight decrease in overtime at the Patuxent Institution, but overtime at the facility remains higher than previous pay periods this year and is approximately equal to previous fiscal years.

The reported that this increase may be attributable to rising medical and infirmary costs, as well as care for some mentally ill patients who require one or two guards present at all times.





Escapes

- Reviews.** StateStat reviewed several recent escape attempts (most publicized). The majority of investigations are ongoing and the Department is providing follow up materials once the investigations are completed.