

## DPSCS Meeting Summary

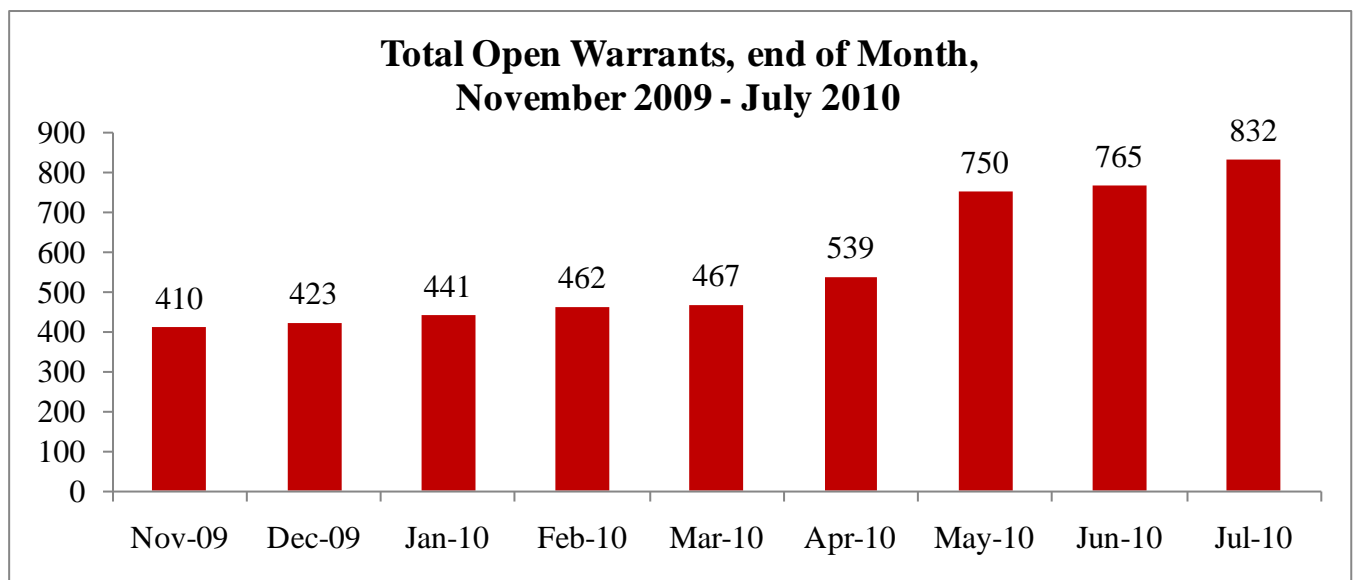
**Agency:** Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) and Division of Pre-trial and Detention Services (DPDS)

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DPSCS—DPP/DPDS Stat on September 2, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor’s Delivery Unit (GDU).

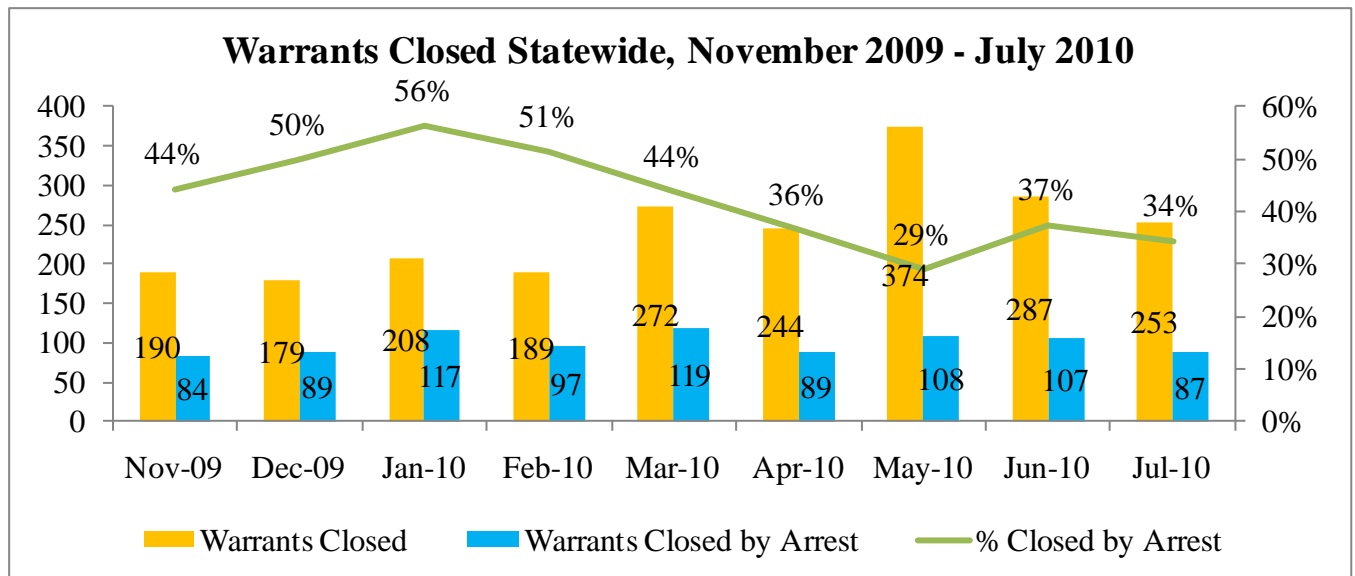
### **Warrants**

- **Increase in Open Warrants, End of the Month/ Warrants Closed.** The Department reported an increase of 65 warrants in the number of open warrants at the end of July. DPP also reported a decrease in the total number of warrants closed in July.

The Department noted that it regularly holds to a clearance rate (warrants received vs. warrants served) of approximately 80 percent.



\*See explanation below.

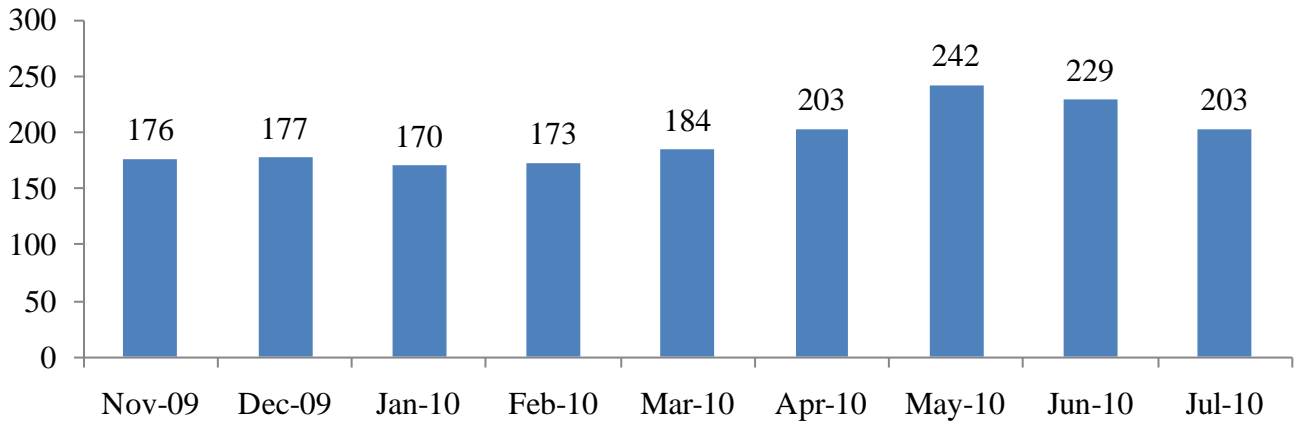


\*The Department also discussed the regular increase in warrants in light of the clearance rate and several other factors. First, in April and May the Department received 311 legacy warrants from local law enforcement agencies that had been forwarded to local law enforcement prior to DPP’s ability to serve warrants (which began in October 2009). This resulted in the jump in May. DPP was able to close 223 of this group of warrants to date.

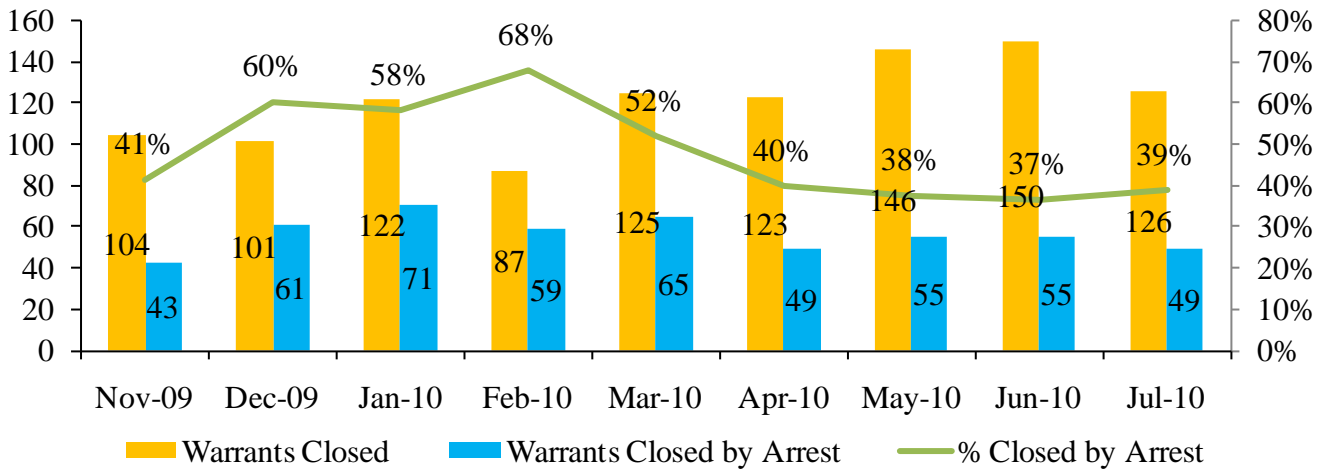
In addition, the Department noted that over time it has increased the types of warrants which it receives for service, which increases the number of new warrants received monthly. At the beginning, the Department only took parole retake warrants, and expanded in October 2009 when it began serving probation violation of probation (VOP) warrants for VPI offenders. Since then, other types of warrants—including gun warrants for offenders and sex offender VOP warrants—have been included in the list that the Department serves, increasing the number of new warrants received. This was done to maximize the effectiveness of the teams and to use resources to target the most violent and dangerous offenders. The Department was asked to provide StateStat with a timeline of agents began requesting and receiving new warrants for service.

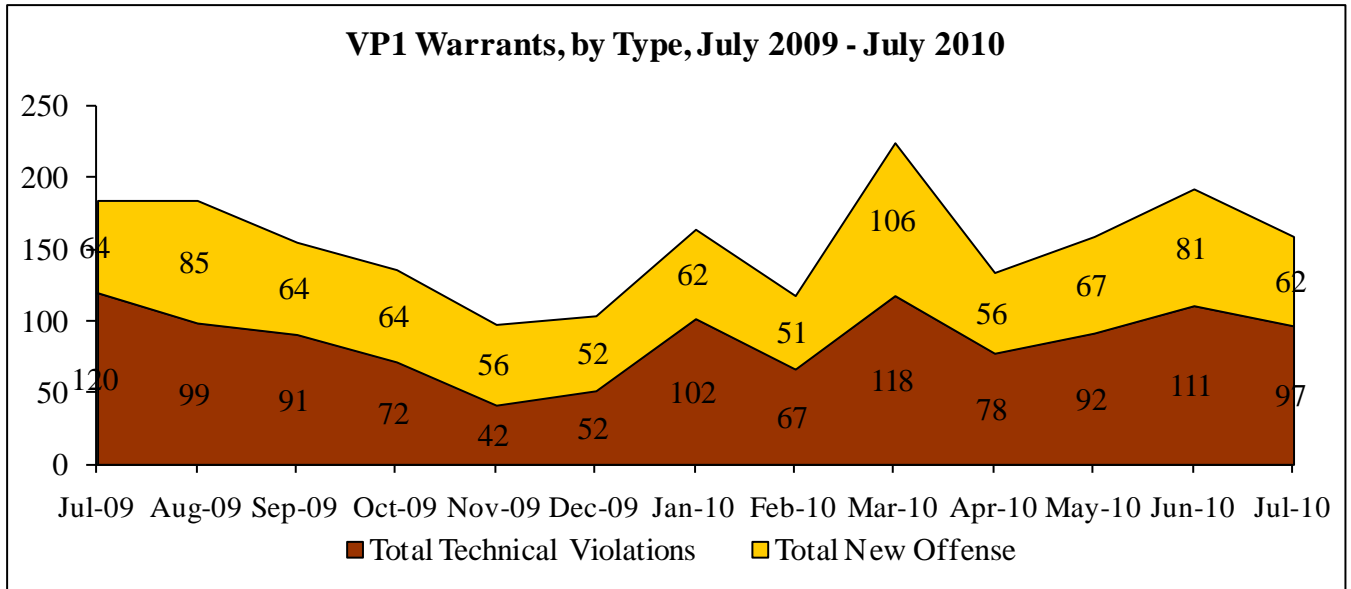
- VPI Warrants Statewide.** The total number of VPI warrants open at the end of the month decreased for the second consecutive month, marking the first significant decline in open VPI warrants. Total warrant closures increased slightly, while the number closed by arrest decreased. Furthermore, warrant issuance for VPI, statewide, has generally increased over the last several months, with a slight decrease in July, suggesting that the Department is improving on closing warrants (as the total volume of warrants issued has not seen a corresponding change over the last two months).

### Total Open Warrants VPI Warrants, End of Month, November 2009 - July 2010



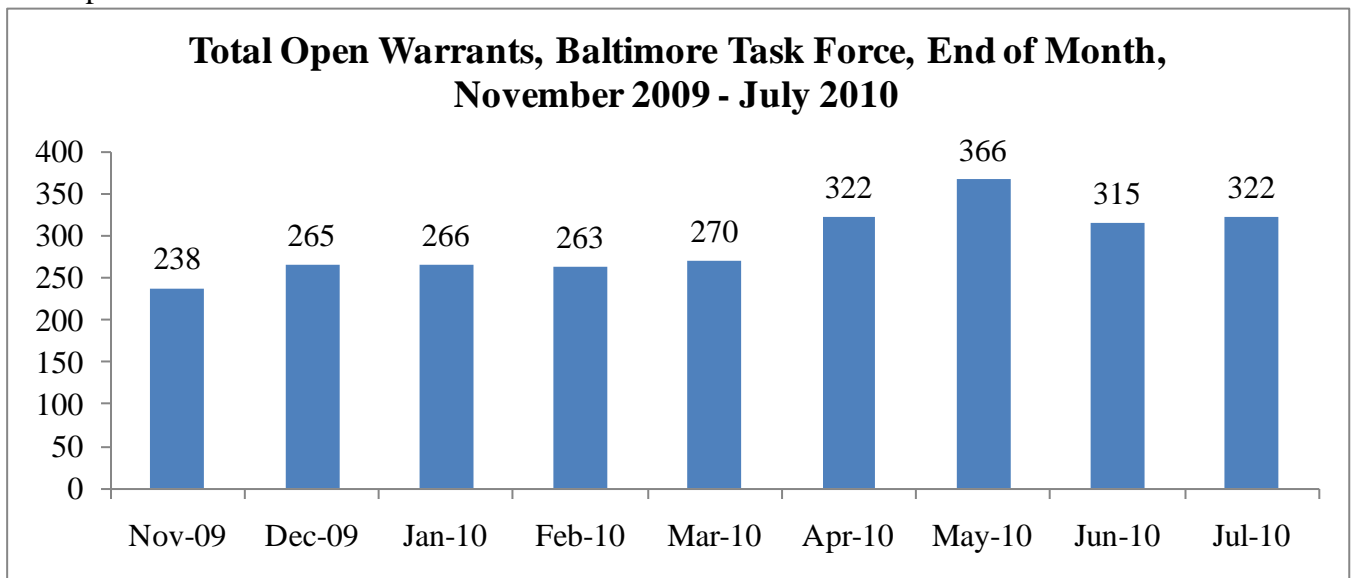
### VPI Warrants Closed Statewide, November 2009 - July 2010

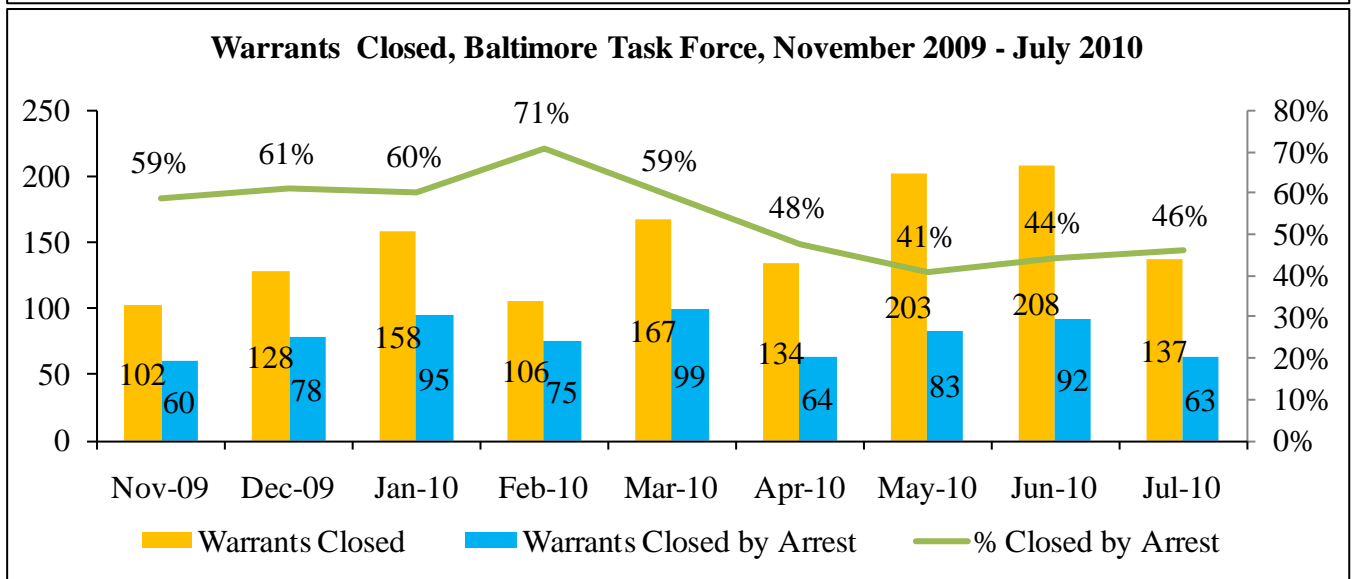
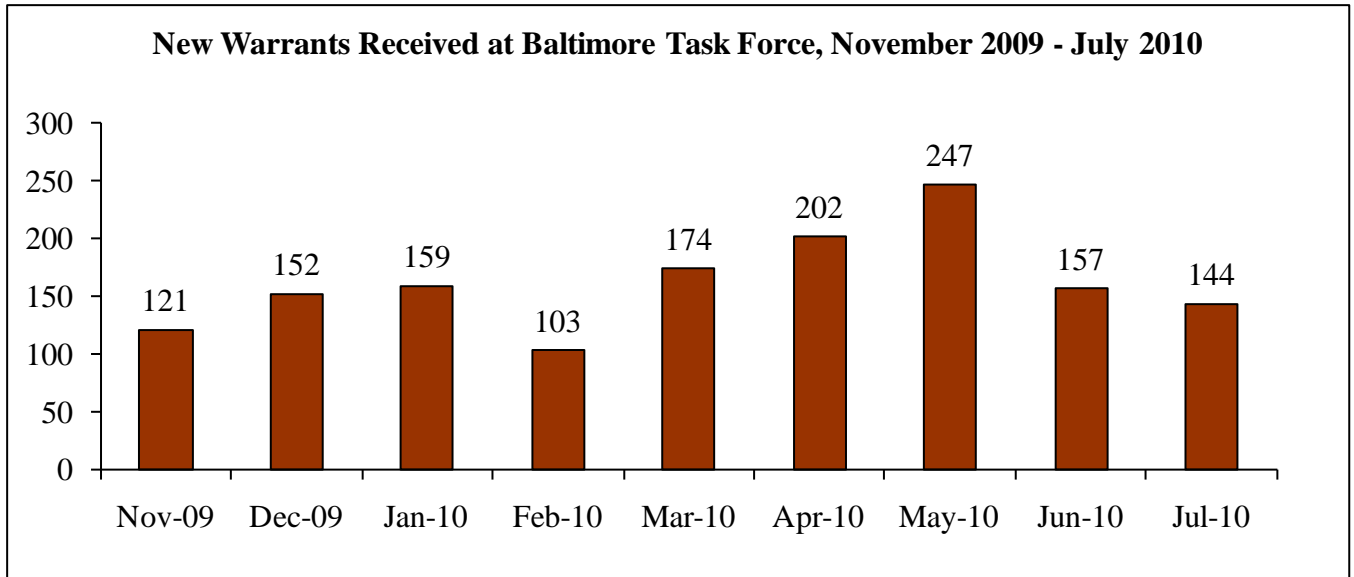




- Warrant Task Forces.** The Department reported that in July the Baltimore Task Force had a total of 315 open warrants at the beginning of the month, a 14% decrease from the 366 warrants that were open at the end of May/beginning of June. The Department saw a 34 percent decrease in the number of warrants closed between June and July; however, the number of warrants closed by arrest has steadily increased.

The Department discussed its role in the Impact Teams in Baltimore City as well as efforts to improve warrant service.

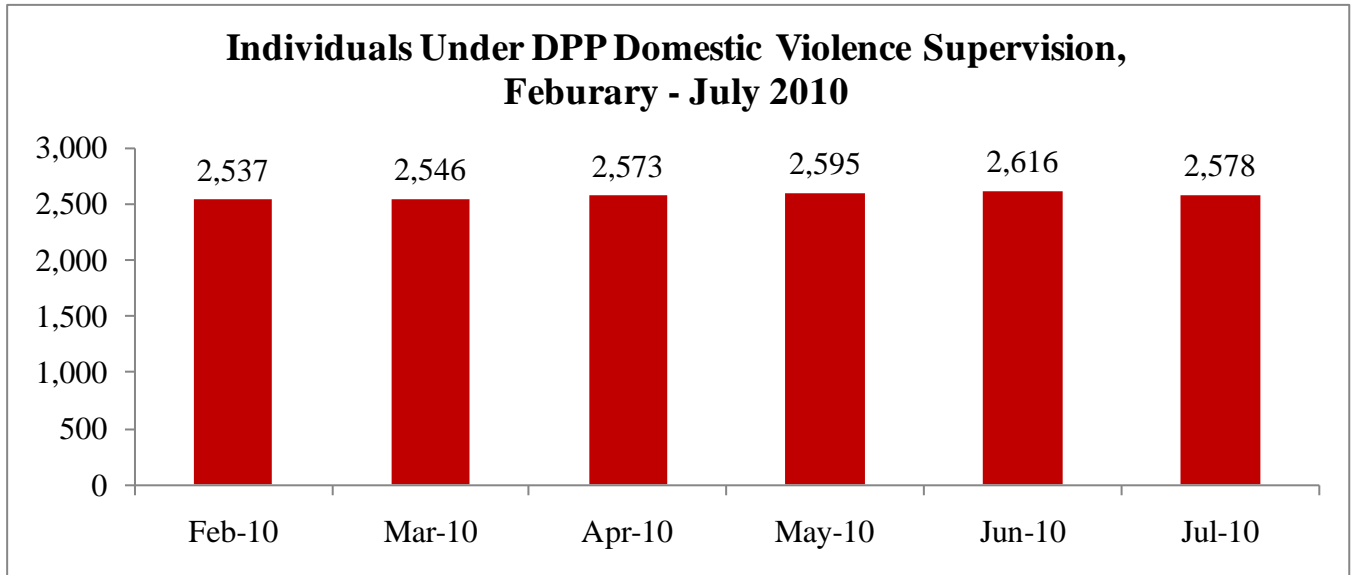




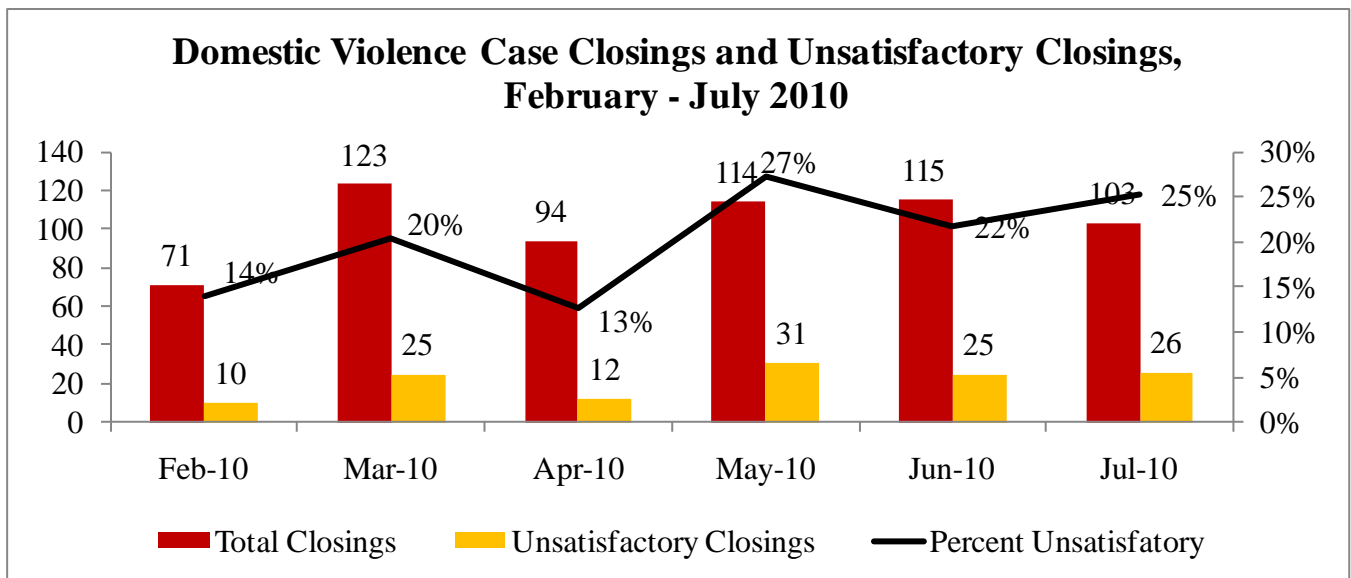
**Domestic Violence Supervision**

- **Individuals Supervised.** Since the domestic violence supervision protocol began in February 2010, the number of supervisees under domestic violence supervision has decreased by 1 percent.

The Department noted that it does not have a specific, dedicated unit for supervising domestic violence offenders; rather, all probation agents received training on supervising individuals in the domestic violence caseload. The new policy allows DPP to better identify individuals with domestic violence protocols, and allows further, tailored supervision.



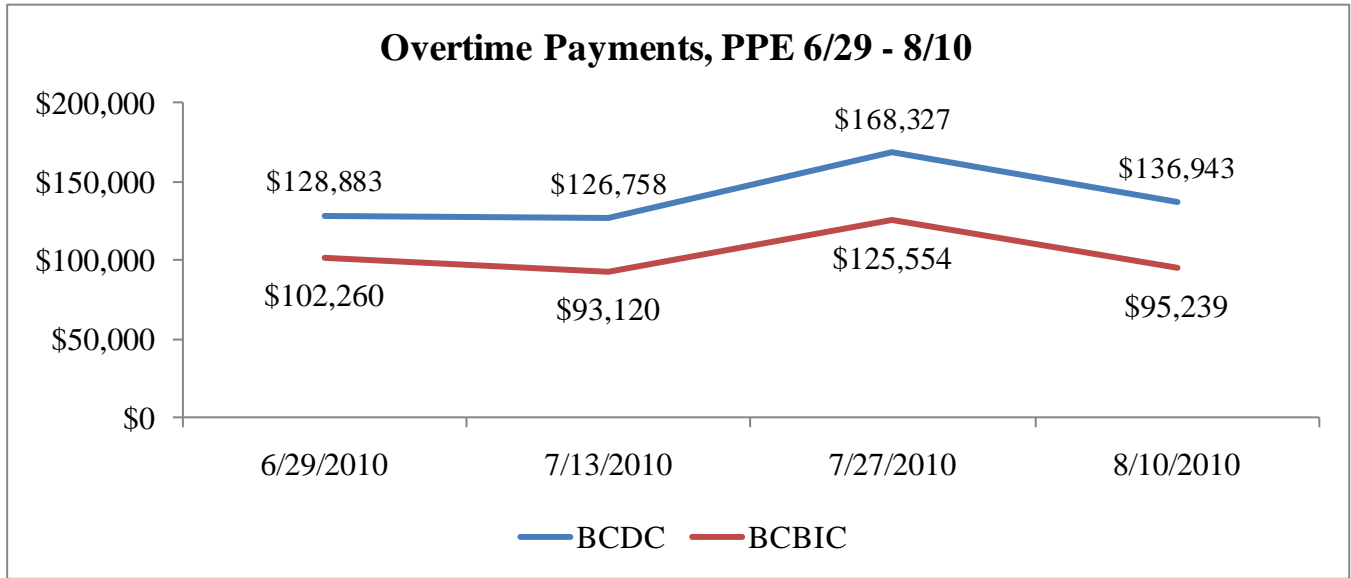
- Domestic Violence Closings.** The Department also reports the number of domestic violence cases that are closed successfully and unsuccessfully. July data shows a 14 percent decrease in satisfactory closings and a 4 percent increase in unsatisfactory closings.



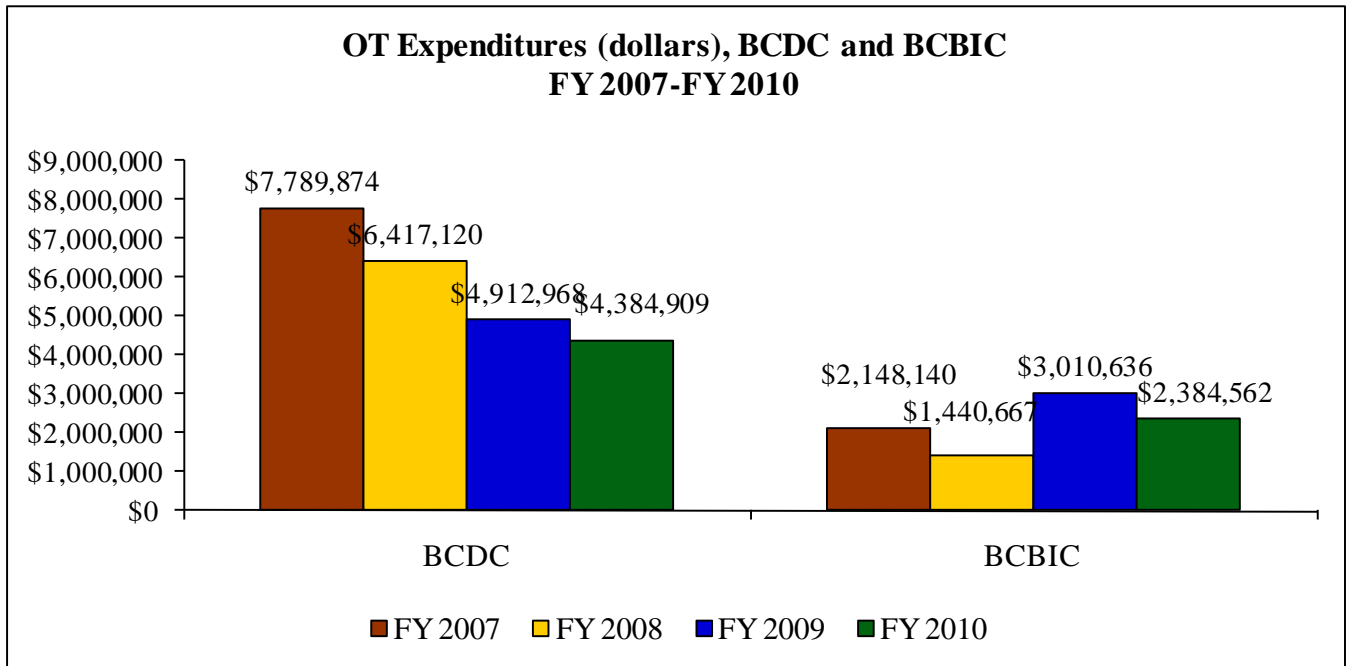
#### DPDS Overtime

- Slight Increase in Overtime.** Both Division of Pre-trial and Detention Services (DPDS) facilities posted a slight increase in overtime expenditures in the pay period ending 7/27/10; overtime fell in the following (and most recently reported) pay period.

The Department indicated a slight rise in medical overtime trips in the pay period ending 7/27, but noted that it would continue to review the data.

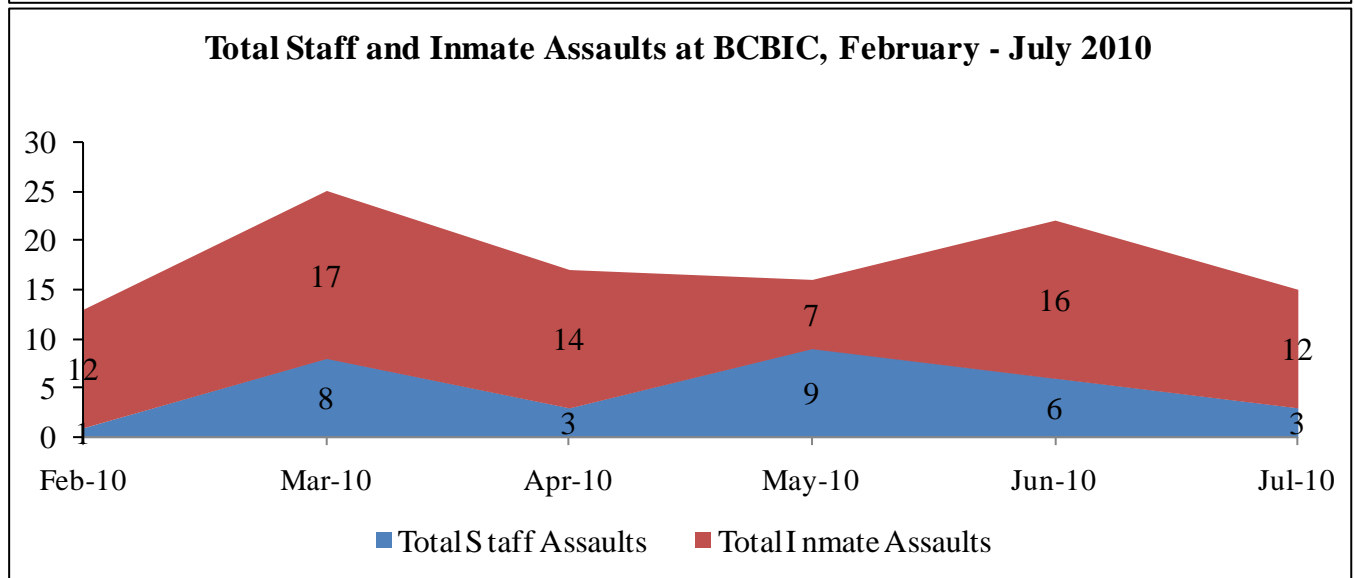
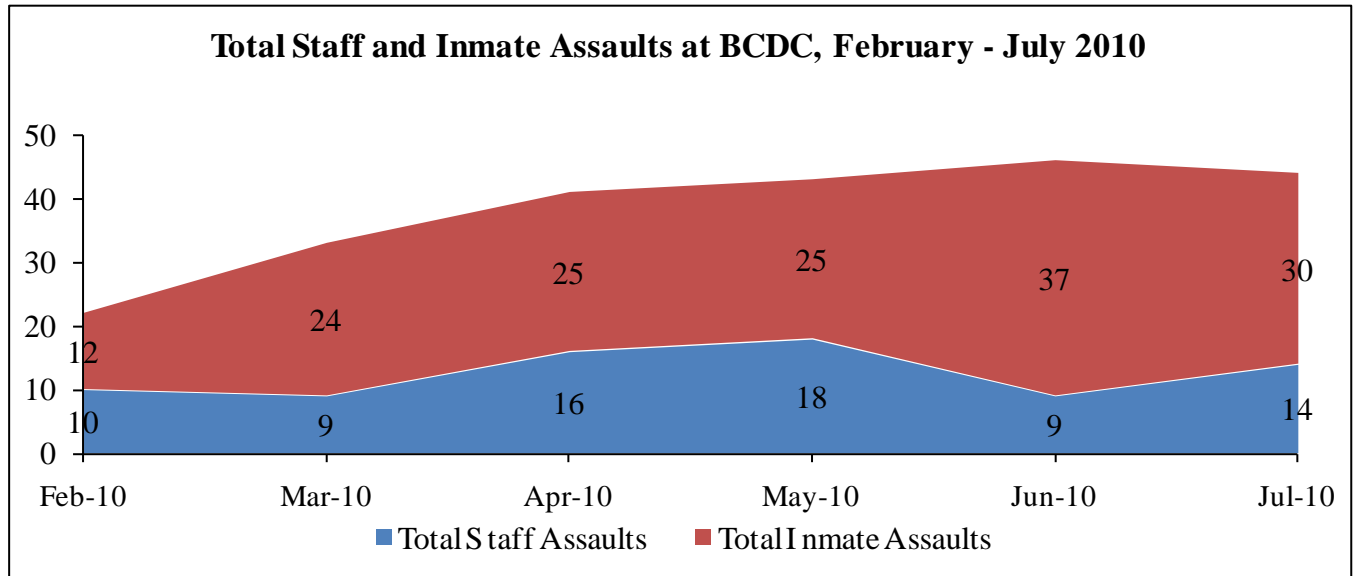


- Year End Reduction.** Both DPDS facilities showed a reduction in overtime in FY 2010, with a 10 percent reduction at BCDC and a 20 percent reduction at BCBIC.



## Assaults

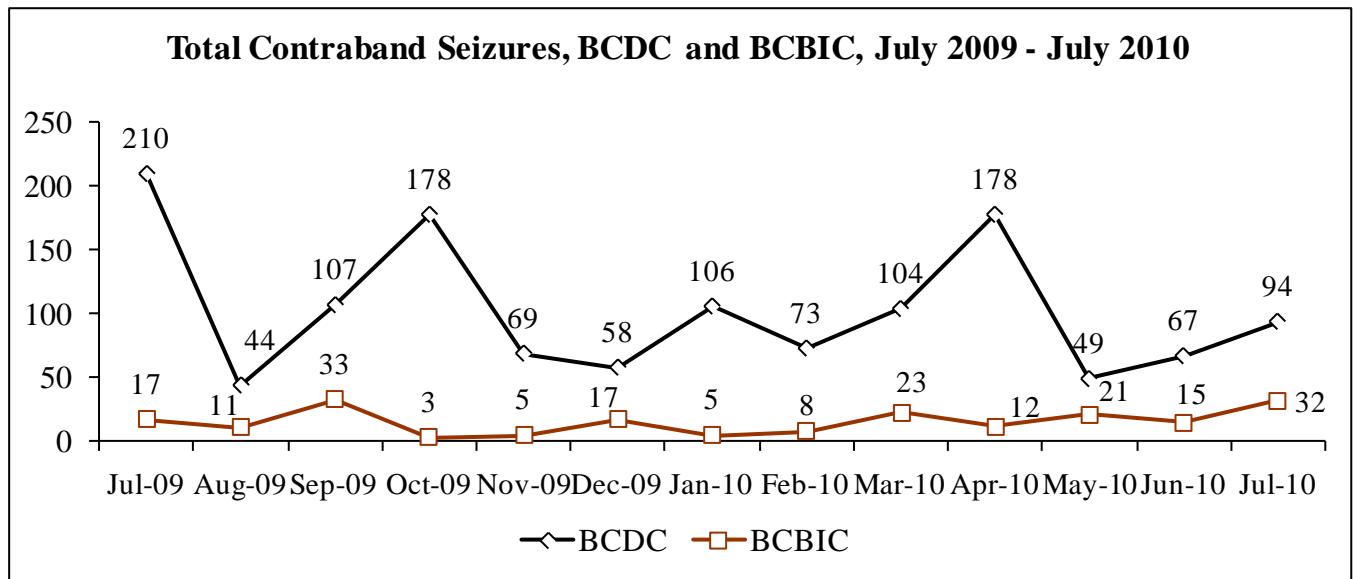
- **Overall Assaults.** Overall assaults have steadily increased at BCDC between February and June 2010, with a very slight decrease in July. Furthermore, while assaults on inmates dropped slightly at both facilities, assaults on staff saw a slight increase at BCDC.



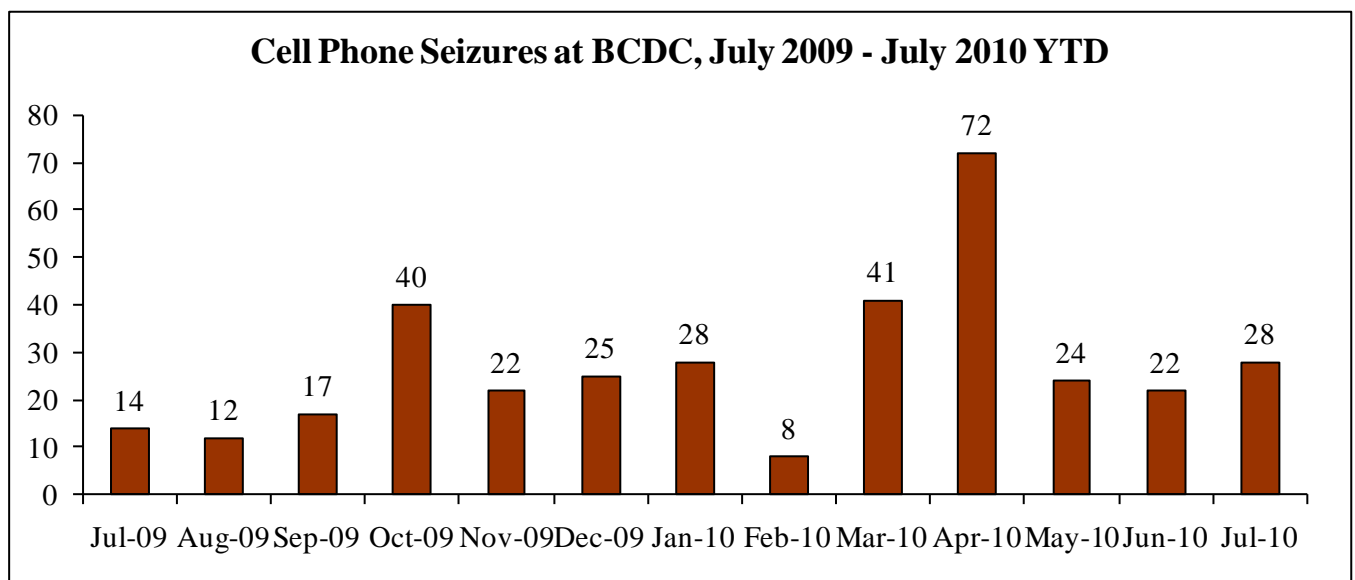
- **Data Issues.** Previously, the Department noted that it had with the assaults data collected in FIRM (its facility incident database) and reported to StateStat; these issues also affected total contraband seizures. StateStat met with the DPDS leadership in August to discuss the data issues; the Department discussed how records had not been properly reviewed and outlined its efforts to correct this issue. In addition, the Department will review Serious Incident Reports (SIRs) from FY 2010 to establish a more accurate picture of FY 2010 assaults.

## Contraband

- Overview.** Overall contraband seizures rose at both facilities, including a three month trend at BCDC; furthermore, BCBIC saw contraband seizures increase to the second highest level in the last 13 months. Data at BCDC suggest that a sweep of the facility took place in July; if so, the level of contraband seizure would indicate that progress in reducing contraband at the facility.



- Cell Phones.** Cell phone seizures increased slightly at both facilities, with a trend of increasing seizures at BCBIC over the last four month; however, total seizures seem to be on average with previous months.



**Cell Phone Seizures at BCBIC, July 2009 - July 2010**

