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Office of Detention Facilities

Overview and Areas of Responsibility

Juvenile Corrections Study Committee

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The Department of Corrections’ Office of Detention Facilities (ODF) has statutory authority, in accordance with Wis. Stats. §301.37, for the regulation and oversight of local detention facilities including:

- County Jails – (76 facilities)
- Houses of Correction – (1)
- Secure Juvenile Detention Facilities – (13)
- Unlocked Huber Facilities – (2)
- Municipal Lockups – (51)
- Secure Residential Care Center for Children & Youth

Through the Office of Detention Facilities, the Department establishes reasonable standards for:

- Design
- Construction
- Repair
- Maintenance
- Operation
- Management
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Department of Corrections
Office of Detention Facilities

The Department of Corrections’ Office of Detention Facilities (ODF) has statutory authority, in accordance with Wis. Stats. §301.36, for the general supervision and inspection:

ODF Team (6.5 FTE):

- Conduct annual inspections of each facility (current report on DOC public website);
- Provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions;
- Training to facility staff;
- Coordinate a variety of efforts to assist sheriffs, jail administrators, superintendents, police chiefs and other local officials in the operation and management of their facilities.

ODF works to message nationally recognized correctional best practices and applicable state and federal statutes that are specific to detention in an effort to mitigate risk and reduce liability, which directly contributes to safer and more secure facilities. Managing and operating safe and secure facilities promotes safer Wisconsin communities and more successful offender reentry.