

Post Event Analysis Report

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INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner J. David Donahue and Dora Schriro, Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC), today released the Post Event Analysis Report that reviews events surrounding the disturbance at the New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) on April 24, 2007. The report also contains recommendations for enhancing operational security and improving facility efficiency to prevent similar situations in the future.

The IDOC, ADC and GEO Group, Inc., the company managing the NCCF, in partnership with the Indiana State Police and Henry County Prosecutor's Office, immediately investigated the incident. Their review found the primary cause of the disturbance rested with the offenders and their refusal to follow legitimate orders given by staff. The analysis also identified several secondary factors, such as idle offenders and ineffective communications that contributed to the situation.

"The report is very helpful in putting the incident in context and offering solutions," Donahue said. "Our department, along with Arizona corrections officials and the GEO Group, has begun implementing a number of the recommendations."

Some of the improvements being instituted to improve staff safety, enhance facility security and stabilize offender conditions include: changing emergency response protocols to improve key, radio and tool controls; adjusting recreation and meal schedules for Arizona inmates; expanding education, substance abuse treatment and skills-building programs; notifying Arizona offenders about the differences in conditions of confinement in Indiana; and assigning experienced correctional staff to key positions to ensure fundamental corrections practices are maintained.

"The facility is returning to normal operations," said NCCF Superintendent Craig Hanks. "Most of the damage is repaired and privileges are being restored as the prisoners settle into their daily routines."

Repairs to the facility will be covered by the GEO Group as outlined in their contract with the IDOC. A

PDF copy of the report is available online at <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection/>.

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