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Marshals Message

I would like to thank the men and women of the Marshals Service for another year of hard work and dedication. In 2007, the District of Delaware had the largest number of prisoner productions in the history of Delaware. In addition to the increase in prisoners, the entire staff prepared for an external audit by the Marshals Service in Washington D. C. I am proud to say the results of the review were considered very successful. The Marshals First State Fugitive Task Force continues to apprehend the worst and most violent offenders.

During 2007, the Marshals produced more prisoners to the court than any previous year. At the end of the year, there were 169 federal prisoners compared to 90 in custody at the end of 2006. This 88% increase in prisoners put a tremendous strain on the District.

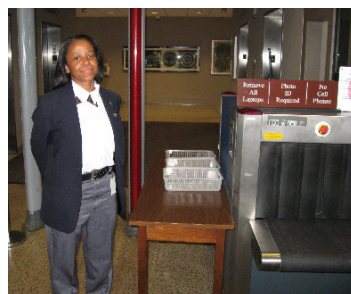
The daily screening of all people entering the Federal Courthouse has proven to serve its purpose during the year. Court



Security Officers detained one person who tried to enter the courthouse with a gun. In addition to the armed subject, eight people tried to enter the courthouse with knives during 2007.

The fugitive unit continues to apprehend the worst of the worst criminal. Sixteen murder fugitives were arrested during 2007. Working closely with the Delaware State Police Sex Offender Registration Unit, 27 people were arrested for failure to register as a sex offender on state charges. In addition to the state charges, three people were indicted and pled guilty to the new federal law, Adam Walsh Child Protection Act. The law requires convicted sex offenders to register within three days in any state in which they live, work, or attend school.

I am pleased to say with all the extra work with no increased workforce, the Federal Courthouse continues to be a safe and secure facility.



Court Security Officers On Patrol

The men and women who greet you everyday at the Federal Courthouse are some of the finest law enforcement officers from the Delaware Valley. One of the requirements for Court Security Officers (CSOs) is that they must have experience in law enforcement and must have completed a certified police academy before becoming a CSO.

Our 24 CSOs in Delaware come from a wide variety of police agencies and all with various specialties. The departments that our CSOs have come from include: US Air Force Police, Delaware and Pennsylvania State Police, Delaware Capitol, New Castle County, Wilmington and Philadelphia Police Departments.

During 2007, CSOs have detected several weapons people have tried to bring into the Federal Courthouse. These CSOs are the first line of defense at this facility.

Successful Audit



Audit team with their daily briefing

an interview was conducted with members of the judiciary and officials from other agencies who interact with the Marshals Service.



Noelle Douglas & John Whitelock led the external audit team

The results of the review were considered very successful by both the review team and district personnel. The District of Delaware was determined to be in compliance with 92% of the questions. None of the 31 non-compliant questions were of a very serious nature and many of the infractions were corrected on-site.

Marshal David W. Thomas said, "I believed we were doing things the right way but it is reassuring to me and the taxpayers that an external audit confirmed my perception."

The United States Marshals Service, Office of Compliance Review, conducted an audit of the District of Delaware in November 2007. It had been ten years since the last similar review. The week long inspection from the ten person review team consisted operational and administrative employees from around the country. The mission of the compliance review is to ensure conformity with applicable laws and policies.

The review consisted of 383 specific questions covering 15 different areas of concern. The review team scrutinized time sheets, procurement statements, financial management, judicial security, prisoner operations, fugitive investigations and many other daily operations of the United States Marshals Service. As a part of the review,



Charles Daniels and Jacqueline Gabert examine numerous documents

New Deputy Marshal



In January of 2007, Deputy United States Marshal Robert Kurtz transferred to Delaware from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Deputy Kurtz has been with the United States Marshals Service for 16 years. He spent the first six years in Philadelphia working in court operations and the past ten years assigned to the E/PA Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force.

In 2004, Deputy Kurtz, along with eight of his colleagues received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his efforts on the USMS Fugitive Task Force in Philadelphia.

Prior to being a deputy marshal, Kurtz spent four years with the Philadelphia County Sheriff's Department. He also served 3 1/2 years with the U.S. Army.

New CSO



Our newest member of Court Security Officers is Julian Busbee. Mr. Busbee is retired from the Philadelphia Police and served with 27 years of experience.

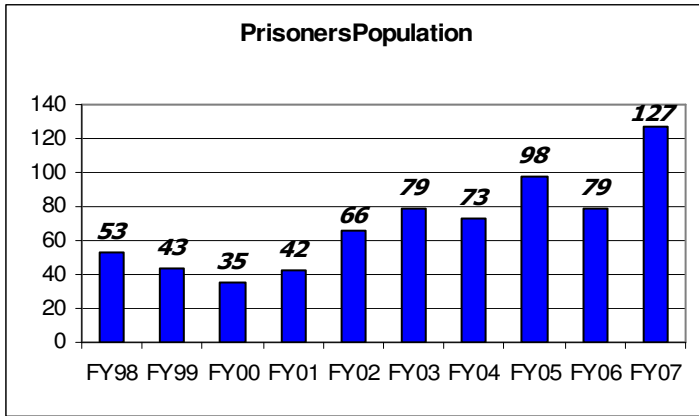
Federal Prisoners

The Marshals Service assumes custody of individuals arrested by all federal agencies and is responsible for housing and transporting prisoners from the time they are brought into federal custody until they are either acquitted or sentenced.

The District of Delaware had 169 prisoners at the end of 2007 compared to 90 at the end of 2006. This is an increase of 88 percent from the previous year. This is an increase of more than 300 percent from the end of 2000. The District has been able to accomplish this mission with one less operational employee since 2000.

In 2007, there were several initiatives that helped increase the number of Federal prisoners in Delaware.

Operation "FED UP" is the implementation of a joint, federal-state-and-local law enforcement initiative



Federal prisoners being escorted to court

to combat the use of guns in the City of Wilmington. This program started in February 2007. All felons in possession of firearms arrested by Wilmington Police Officers were immediately transferred to the Bureau of ATF and detained in federal custody pending an initial appearance before a federal magistrate.

Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse, also increased the number of indictments of people with child pornography.

The implementation of the Adam Walsh Act also increased the prisoner population. The new federal law requires convicted sex offenders to register in any state in which they live, work, or go to school, and to keep the registration current by notifying the state within three days of any changes of name, residence, employment, or student status.

The record number of criminal complaints in 2007 and the new federal initiatives, have led to the largest number of federal prisoners in Delaware.

Adam Walsh Child Protection Act



During 2007, the United States Marshals Service arrested three men and all have pled guilty in the first indictments of the Federal Adam Walsh Act in

Delaware. Two of the men were sentenced to 24 months and the third man was sentenced to 27 months for not registering as a sex offender.

The law, signed by President Bush in July 2006, requires convicted sex offenders to register within three days in any state in which they live, work or attend school.

Marshal Thomas said, "We have been targeting sex offenders who have moved into Delaware and failed to

register so as to not duplicate the efforts of state and local police. It is a very arduous task trying to find these pedophiles." The Marshals are working closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Sex Offenders Registration Unit in Delaware.



State and New Castle County Police team up with Marshals to try and apprehend Sex-Offenders in Delaware.

Apprehending the Worst Criminals



The First State Fugitive Task Force had another successful year in Delaware. A total of 236 fugitives were brought to justice in 2007 as a direct result of the Marshals Task Force. The worst of the worst criminals in Delaware were apprehended; of those were sixteen people wanted for

murder. In addition to the homicide suspects, numerous robbers, rapists, kidnappers and subjects wanted for weapons charges were apprehended.



Some of the fugitives who were arrested were:

- *Murderers from New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Rocky Mount, NC, and Charlottesville, VA, who absconded to Delaware before being apprehended*
- *A motorcycle gang member wanted for weapons and drug trafficking*
- *Escapees from prison*
- *The director of a basketball tournament who was wanted for stealing money from the State of Delaware*
- *Numerous sex offenders who failed to register*



These fugitives were apprehended because of the hard work and numerous hours of investigation and surveillance from the members of the First State Fugitive Task Force.

The task force is comprised of Deputy United States Marshals and officers from the Delaware State Police, Delaware State Probation and Parole and the New Castle County and Wilmington Police Departments.

Task Force Recognized by City Council

Members from the First State Fugitive Task Force were recognized at a City Council meeting in Darby Township, Pennsylvania. The City Council paid tribute to the Marshals Task Force and local police for apprehending a subject who was wanted for a homicide at a nightclub in Darby Township.

Detectives in Delaware County, Pennsylvania developed information on who did the murder. The subject was believed to be in Wilmington, Delaware. After several attempts to locate the murderer, he was apprehended without incident.

