

Cell Block Today

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Today's Presentation

- Overview of cell block
- Who we are
- Process
- Technology Today
- Training
- Demonstration of Restraint Devices
- Statistics
- Cell Block Review



What makes up our Central Cell Block

- 63 cells
 - Male – 41
 - Female – 12
 - Youth - 10
- 3 Breathalyzer rooms
- 3 Holding rooms
- 3 Interview rooms
- 4 Lawyer Interview booths
- 1 Fingerprint room







Cell Block Today





Who Are We

- Led by Staff Sergeant Neil Preston
- Team of 6 Sergeants and 18 Special Constables
- Work 35 day cycle
- Backgrounds include...
 - Nurses
 - MIG Fighter pilot
 - Teachers
 - JTF2
 - Social workers
 - Academics
 - Supervisor Group Home
 - Manager of Ottawa Mission
 - Fitness Instructor
 - Nanny





Process Involved with Processing Prisoners

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Technology Today

100 High Definition
Cameras

- Superior
Digital Images
(720p HD)





Improved Audio and Video

- Updated/improved audio and video equipment installed June 2011
- Additional coverage to prisoner holding rooms, sallyport and property storage area.

[Intake 1](#)

[Intake 2](#)



Panic Strip

- Panic strips – activates alarm which activates audio and alerts the Sergeant

[Cell Block Training video](#)





How do we compare

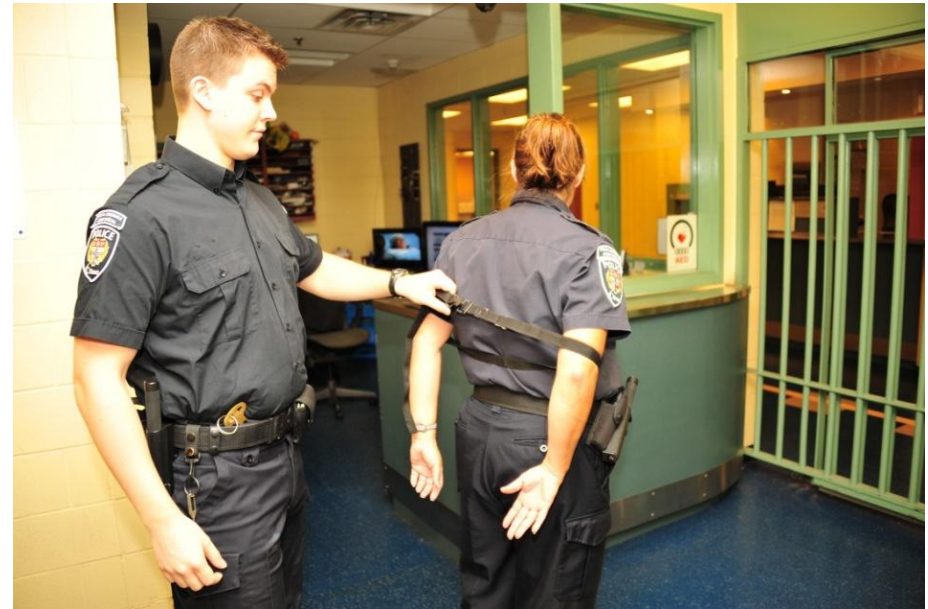
- Leaders in the Province - combined technology (audio and high definition video)





Training

- **Ministry requirements ...**
- Use of Force Training
- First Aid and CPR training
- Federal Legislation related to powers and protections of police officer sec. 26 Criminal Code
- Provincial Legislation.





Training

Setting the standard with additional training

- DNA Procedures and sampling
- Fingerprinting
- Notebook entries
- Strip searching
- Suicidal persons
- Biohazards



Restraint Devices

- Spit Hood
- Temporary Restraining Device (TRD)
- Coveralls



First Six Months - 2011

- 3700 – number of prisoners
- 22 - incidents involving use of force
- 68 - incidents involving transport to hospital
- 10 - number of attempt suicides or suicidal persons



Medical

✦ Variety of ailments including...

- Chest pains (top issue)
- Attempts to harm oneself
- Previous cuts or broken bones
- Withdrawal from drug/alcohol abuse
- Infectious diseases
- Pre-existing medical – heart, cancer



Strip Searches

R v Golden – Supreme Court
of Canada –

- must not be routine
- 1 % of prisoners at Ottawa
Police strip searched



Cellblock review



- Initiated in winter 2011
- Conduct analysis on workload, staffing, and statistics of prisoners
- Make recommendations for more effective efficient manageable and auditable processing of prisoners.



ADDITIONAL VIDEO ANGLES

- [CELLBLOCK VIDEO 2](#)
- [CELLBLOCK VIDEO 3](#)
- [CELLBLOCK VIDEO 4](#)
- [CELLBLOCK VIDEO 5](#)
- [CELLBLOCK VIDEO 6](#)





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