

2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STRAFFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The year 2007 was our third year of operating the new jail. Revenue from bed space for the year was \$4,962,484.25, up 10% from last year. Our average daily population increased from 347 in 2006 to 353 in 2007. Our highest population for the year was 416, with 331 on January 1st and 398 on December 31st, 2007. Our average length of stay for Strafford County inmates was reduced from 37.9 to 31.4 days. We booked 4,812 persons including protective custody holds. We conducted 1,069 video arraignments.

I am pleased to announce that all Strafford County Correctional Officers completed the yearly required 40 hours of training necessary to maintain their certification. We hired 11 officers to fill vacancies this year; these officers will eventually go through the correctional officer training academy. We had three Correctional Officer classes graduate this year, with 16 officers completing the 120 hour training sponsored by the New Hampshire Association of Counties.

Four hundred and sixty eight (468) students toured our facility in 2007. This was an increase of 94% from 2006. Usually when schools tour, they talk to specially trained inmates about jail life and addiction. Such an increase indicates that word must be out that they are getting something positive out of the experience. The letters we receive from the schools are valued by our speakers. I am pleased that the community has responded to utilize our inmates as a resource for learning – both groups are winners. Almost in turn, the community has responded with a resource badly needed for inmates – volunteers for programs. There was a 120% increase in attendance of training classes for new volunteers by the Programs Department. Another resource from the community which we are thankful for is UNH, which provided our Programs Department with a 30% increase in internship hours from the 2006 academic year.

Two Russian delegations toured the facility this year. They were brought to Strafford County so they could visit a good example of how New Hampshire treats inmates.

Our work release revenues were down again this year to \$15,551.00 from \$23,758 in 2006. I believe this is because we have again been quite successful with the Step Down program. This program releases inmates to home monitoring in the community. Our mission to hold inmates in the least restrictive environment possible is being met by this program. These inmates also contributed \$777.65 to the State's Victim's Assistance Program.

The Pre-Treatment Addictions Program for males and Women's Recovery Group for females continued to show an outstanding impact on individuals' lives. 2007 saw a doubling of admissions to these program to 206. This year we started an aftercare group that meets once a week in the community for graduates to discuss their successes and struggles. We also have significant group discussions when graduates (in the community more than 90 days) come back and meet the current participants to discuss their challenges. No other jail in New Hampshire has such an extensive solution to addiction.

I am proud to announce that we had our Fourth Employee Recognition Banquet for department personnel this year. The awards for 2007 were as follows:

Employee of the Year Award:	Sgt. Laura Noseworthy
Community Service Award:	Officer Dave Bedard
Community Corrections Award:	Assistant Director Joseph Devine
Supervisor of the Year Award:	Lt. Donna Roy
Officer of the Year 1 st Shift:	Officer Dennis Chabot
Officer of the Year 2 nd Shift:	Officer Michael Clancy
Officer of the Year 3 rd Shift:	Officer Brian Stice
Rookie of the Year:	Officer Lori Spagnola
Life-Saving Award:	Lt. Donna Roy, Sgt. Ed McGowen, Cpl. Jeffrey Fisher And Officers Cassandra Caillot, Kathleen Thibeault, Steven Pollard, Brent Chapple, Leonard Nadeau, and Michael Landry
Humanitarian Award Program:	Officer Joseph Irvine
Innovation Award:	Lt. Bruce Pelkie & Case Manager Frank Laratonda
Food Services Award:	Cook Peter Donnelly
Administration Award:	Elise Britton and Denise Morin
Medical Award:	Tracy Warren, Medical Administrator

Recently, I was asked how the new building design is working. As I consider this question, and review the year 2007, I realize how integral the jail's part in our Criminal Justice system has become. Although the building design enables us to perform efficiently, the improvements this County has made to the criminal justice system over the past few years has set the stage for similar improvements in the jail's function. We are generations away from the old jail and simply locking people up. The County's goal of reducing the number of community members who are victimized by repeat criminal activity is evident in the jail's efforts to treat individuals so they can change, and then help them transition into

the community with the best possible chance of not re-offending. Our combined efforts to get them educated, jobs, independent of drugs, and to become respectful citizens seems to be working as I hear of success stories every day. I also infer this success as I review the other departmental reports from Programs, Jail Industries, Community Corrections, and Discharge Planning. How wonderful it is to be part of this vibrant and progressive business. But after all the accolades and appreciative feedback I get for what we do, I must say it is the pleasure of working with my staff which is the most rewarding. These caring individuals, led by our supervisory staff, perform consistently as professionals day after day under extreme conditions. They are the piece which is often overlooked in the stories, statistics and media attention. The correctional officers, lead by Assistant Superintendent James Topham, achieve a routine activity level which is only made possible from a constant vigil of enforcing our rules and keeping the peace. I thank them for their dedication, integrity and professionalism. I could not be as confident to report such a high achievement level in this business without these unsung heroes.

I look forward to another year of successes and of seeing these staff members meet and exceed the challenges of managing a population, some of whom are dangerous, all of whom do not want to be here. I would also like to thank the Strafford County Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator Ray Bower for their unfailing support of myself and my staff. In my regular meetings with them, I find caring, future looking individuals who demonstrate what excellent public service means. Their encouragement and counsel is invaluable.

In closing, I would like to thank the Strafford County Board of County Commissioners and Administrator Ray Bower for their unfailing support without which we would not have been successful. They have always been available to me and my staff, showing an interest that fosters excellent morale.

Respectively submitted,
Warren Dowaliby
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Superintendent

DISCHARGE PLANNING REPORT FOR 2007

Discharge Planning or Transitional Planning, as it is also referred to, is in its second year at the Strafford County Department of Corrections. As in the previous year (2006), the objective of Discharge Planning remains the same, and that is to assess the inmates' individual needs prior to their release, as well as to assist them with their transition into the community. In order to accomplish this

objective, an assessment is done by conducting a face to face interview with the inmate that includes completion of an Inmate Release Questionnaire. The questions are designed to cover an array of possible inmate needs such as: housing, substance abuse treatment, health care, medication, mental health treatment, public assistance, education needs, employment, transportation, domestic violence classes, and counseling, just to name a few.

The more information that is gathered about the inmate prior to their release, the better it is to make an assessment. Based on the assessment, a Discharge Plan will be developed to meet the needs of the inmate. If necessary, coordination of community services will be arranged. Community resources and collaboration with community agencies is an important component to Discharge Planning.

The following statistics indicate the services inmates needed and the number of inmates needing the services. There were a total of one hundred seventy-nine (179) interviews performed in 2007 to assess the needs of inmates for re-entry into the community. Transportation and Substance Abuse Treatment were the highest needs inmates had, with a total of one hundred three (103) or 58%. The Transportation need was due to several reasons: not having a driver's license, not having a car, and lack of public transportation. Substance Abuse Treatment included any one or some of the following: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Outpatient Counseling, After Care, Licensed Alcohol Drug Counselor (LADC), Multiple Offender Program (MOP), and inpatient treatment. Eighty-seven (87) or 49% of these inmates were in need of a health care provider, mainly due to their inability to pay out of pocket for health services or for health insurance, lack of a health care plan at work, or lack of knowledge regarding the local health center (Avis Goodwin), in which payment is based on a sliding fee scale. Inmates are encouraged to utilize the services of Avis Goodwin and the Families First Health Care Van instead of going to the hospitals for non-emergency treatment. Fifty-six (56) or 31% of these inmates needed employment when released and they were referred to New Hampshire Works and local employment agencies to find employment. Forty-eight (48) or 27% of the inmates were in need of mental health treatment in the form of psychiatric treatment, medication, therapy, and or counseling. They were either referred to the local community mental health center (Community Partners), counseling at Catholic Charities, or the Dover-Rochester Area Counseling Center. Forty (40) or 22% of these inmates needed public assistance and were instructed to apply at their town welfare office and the Department of Health and Human Services. Forty (40) or 22% of the inmates needed their GED and they were referred to the Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County. A substantial number of inmates, thirty (30) or 17% to be exact, were in need of housing. A few went to live in rooming houses, some went to homeless shelters and the majority went to live with friends or family meeting the criteria for

homelessness. Twenty-five (25) or 14% of the inmates needed identification. Twenty-two (22) or 12% needed medication upon their release. Sixteen (16) or 9% of the inmates were required to take Domestic Violence Classes and were provided resources to tap into. Two (2) or 2% of the inmates were required to take Anger Management Classes. One (1) inmate requested Parenting Classes and one (1) inmate was required to take a Sex Offender Class.

The challenges inmates are being faced with when released are the same as in the year 2006. For instance, lack of affordable housing, transportation, health insurance, medication, education and funds are but a few of these challenges. As a whole, however, Discharge Planning has proven to be very helpful to inmates because in addition to meeting with the inmate for an assessment, and developing a Discharge Plan suited to their needs, there is also discussion, education and guidance pertaining to their release. Many inmates experience anxiety prior to their release, especially if they have been incarcerated for a long period of time. Just knowing there are community resources available – and what those services are--helps to reduce the anxiety associated with reentry.

2007 Discharge Planning Statistics	1/2/2007-12/31/2007	
Total Number of Discharge Planning Interviews	179	
Services Inmates Needed Upon Their Release		
Transportation	103	58%
Substance Abuse Treatment	103	58%
Health Care	87	49%
Employment	56	31%
Mental Health Treatment	42	23%
Public Assistance	40	22%
GED	40	22%
Housing	30	17%
Identification	25	14%
Medication	22	12%
Domestic Violence Class	16	9%
Counseling	3	2%
Psych Evaluation	3	2%
Anger Management Class	2	1%
Parenting Class	1	1%
Sex Offender Class	1	1%
Dental Care	1	1%
Total Number of Services Needed	575	

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Padial
Unit Case Manager

PROGRAMS REPORT FOR 2007

Educational Programs

Education: GED preparation and Adult Basic Education. Dover Adult Learning Center provided GED and Adult Educational classes four days each week for a total of 17 instructional hours per week.

Special Education: Special Education was offered by Southeastern Regional Educational Services Corporation from January until June of 2007 for an average of 4 hours per week.

Volunteer Tutors: 9 volunteer tutors worked in the facility in 2007, providing a combined average of approximately 8 tutoring hours a week.

GED Exam: 55 inmates were administered the GED exam. 41 passed the exam and 8 did not pass. 6 inmates completed a partial exam and one test was incomplete.

Substance Abuse/Behavioral Programs

Drug and Alcohol Counseling: SCDOC contracted with Southeastern Services to provide 20 hours per week of drug and alcohol counseling services. Services were offered weekly to each housing area in the jail.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous: AA groups for both male and female inmates were held weekly this past year. NA groups were held bi-weekly.

Addiction Recover Center Attendance: 16 inmates were accepted into the ARC program and were allowed daily release to this program.

Pre-Treatment Addictions Program/ Women's Recovery Program: These intensive substance abuse treatment programs had 206 admissions in 2006.

Anger Management Training and Life Skills Classes: SCDOC provided 4 classes per week of the anger management and life skills program.

Ending the Violence Program: Three sessions offered weekly in 2007

Positive Options Program: This program offers individual modules of anger management, attitude adjustment and life skills classes. Four program intern counselors and volunteers provide individual service to 12 inmates weekly.

Pet Therapy: Offered weekly for two hours

Yoga: Two one hour classes weekly.

Vocational Services

Pre-Employment Program (PEPP): This program teaches inmates job search skills, helps them to prepare resumes and job applications and teaches job interview skills. This program is held weekly for a total of 6 hours.

Labor Room Program - Employment Security Program: This program provides direct employment assistance and placement into work release jobs through SCDOC and the NH Employment Office. Assistance provided as needed to sentenced inmates. In 2007 17 inmates were placed into work release jobs as a result of this program.

Career Assessment: This program assisted inmates with vocational evaluation and planning. In 2006, 135 inmates completed this program.

Work Release Program

Work Release Inmates: There were a total of 62 inmates on work release for 2007. Two inmates were released for Home-Care Release and one inmate was released for counseling release.

Spiritual Services Conducted

Sunday Service: Weekly Catholic group that meets on Sunday for the female inmates:

Sunday Book of Daniel Bible Study: Weekly group for female inmates

Monday Night Bible Study: Bible study conducted for female inmates and special needs inmates

Catholic Services: Weekly Catholic program offered to females and to male general population units.

Bible Study and Music Ministry: Program for male general population that includes bible study and spiritual music.

Chaplain: Jail chaplain is available two days per week for individual spiritual counseling and guidance.

Catholic Counseling: Two volunteers currently offer individual Catholic counseling to inmates.

Confessional and Reconciliation: A Catholic priest is available upon request for these services.

Internships

SCDOC hosted 4 interns in 2007 from the Justice Studies Program at UNH. During the academic year each of these interns provided approximately 12

weekly hours of service. Duties included: Assistance with educational programs, assisting the training officer and administrative support.

Inmate Services

Library: The Programs Department solicited and managed donations of more than 5,000 books in 2007. Currently there are more than 11,000 titles in the library.

Law Library: The Programs Department maintains current New Hampshire Law and Federal Laws on computer, and has volumes of Federal law available in book form. These materials can be requested and scheduled. In 2007, an average of 8 inmates used these materials daily

Training

Volunteer Orientation: In 2007 the Programs Department presented 4 volunteer orientation classes providing training for approximately 85 new volunteer and vendor staff. An additional training session on jail safety and security was also offered.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Heyl & Jake Collins
Inmate Programs

JAIL INDUSTRY PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2007

The Jail Industry continued to grow this year with expansion both by Precision Assembly and AirMar. At the present time we have three certified companies; Precision, AirMar and a new company, Rest Easy. The Jail Industry is trying to assist in promoting the companies product; a cancer pillow used by breast cancer survivors to allow more comfort when sleeping. We will continue to work to grow our businesses.

The service branch of our Jail Industry has also expanded. At present we do laundry for the Strafford County Department of Corrections, in the areas that have no washers and dryers, Riverside Rest Home, and Hyder Family Hospice House, located near our facility.

Jail Industry inmates who have worked both for private sector partners, as well as our service industries have logged a total of 18,501.5 hours of work. The total number of inmate workers who have been employed in the Jail Industries in 2007 is 127.

The goals for 2008 are: To add an access database to improve our recording capabilities; To complete our ISO Certification; To grow all our businesses to

increase the number of inmate workers, and; Improve our inmate vocational training by providing nationally recognized certifications in the field of soldering and other private sector work projects thus giving our workers more employable skills and higher wages upon release.

The Jail Industry program's certified projects per Bureau of Justice Assistance guidelines contributed \$3,307.61 from inmate wages to the State of New Hampshire's Victim Compensation program as well.

FAMILY RECEPTION CENTER REPORT FOR 2007

The Family Reception Center is 6 years old as of March of 2008. Our mission has been to provide a comfortable, trusting, and supportive environment where inmates' families and friends may come before or after visits to receive validation, support, and resources that may lessen the negative impact experienced through incarceration. Based on our data collection, we are indeed lessening stress. From March 2006 to March 2007, we know that we had over 3,200 individual contacts with friends and family members at the Family Reception Center.

Quarterly events for families and friends are taking place, as well as special activities. Information on how to maneuver through the Corrections system is provided, as well as local agency resources and support. Donations to the Center have grown for our special events both by neighboring agencies as well as individual people of the local communities.

The Family Reception Center continues to be self-sufficient thanks to the generosity of volunteer staffing, as well as continued grants for snacks, drinks and special activities. A grant for 2008 has been awarded by the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund. Additional funds have been generated by inmate picture taking has also helped secure the necessary funds to keep the Family Reception Center

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Allen
Industry Director

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REPORT FOR 2007

This year was our fourth full year of operation. Community Corrections consists of four programs: Pretrial Supervision, Administrative Home Confinement, the Step-Down Program, and the Community Work Program.

Pre-Trial Supervision: The program's objective is ensuring the person reports to all court dates without the commission of a new crime and to ensure the safety of the community and the client. Community Corrections has expanded its process in identifying people with mental health issues thus assisting the court in determining an appropriate set of conditions of bail. This year we supervised over 350 people in the community that would otherwise be held in jail awaiting trial. We also performed over 1,000 assessments on clients, which help determine if the person is eligible for the program.

Administrative Home Confinement: Administrative Home Confinement is a sentence that the Court utilizes, which allows an inmate to go to work and/or school; or take care of their children and family while being supervised by Community Corrections at their residence. SCCCPC supervised over 120 people in 2007.

Step-Down Program: The Step-Down Program is a unique program to Strafford County. This program assesses persons sentenced to jail time and who prove, by their attitudes and actions, that they are taking responsibility for their crimes and addressing rehabilitative areas of concern as recognized by the sentencing court and jail assessments. If they have been meaningfully utilizing programs offered by the jail for self-improvement, then a motion to the court for an amended sentence would be filed and, if granted, they are released to Community Corrections and are supervised in the community rather than in jail. They will continue their specific treatment programs on the outside. There were more than 35 participants in this program in 2007.

Community Work Program: The Community Work Program offers the courts an alternative to a jail sentence or the payment of fines. Defendants can plea to a suspended sentence and complete community service which is determined by the court. Failure to complete can bring forward a suspended sentence. The Community Work Program operates seven days a week performing a multitude of services for non-profit agencies, municipalities and government agencies. Work crews consist of persons not only sentenced directly to the program from the court but are combined with participants from the Strafford County Academy Program, Strafford County Drug Court, and Strafford County Community Corrections. The community Work Program utilizes sentenced inmate workers on a as needed basis.

Community Corrections made another move in 2007. Our new offices are located in the William A. Grimes Justice and Administration Building (aka the County Courthouse). We will be housed with the Academy Program and Drug Court.

Community Corrections staff has kept their ongoing commitment to be involved in the criminal justice and law enforcement communities. Interacting with various officials helps us maintain rapport, as well as keep up with changing ideas. We are involved in the Strafford County Drug Court, The Strafford County Academy Program, Pre-Treatment Addictions Program Advisory Committee, Mental Health Council, Domestic Violence Project Advisory Board, Strafford County Criminal Justice Council, Jail Spiritual Care Board, Jail Industry Advisory Board, Family Reception Advisory Board, the Crisis Intervention Team and Special Olympics. SCCCPC looks forward to continue to expand its innovative services, with the Commissioners' direction.

Some of our staff was also lucky enough to attend the National Association of Pretrial Services Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio. The staff also attended numerous trainings offered throughout the State. Some of the classes that were attended were in reference to substance abuse programs offered through the NH Department of Health and Human Services, and Mental Health Training in Dual Diagnosis clients.

Community Corrections has gone through some staffing turnover. The following individuals comprised the 2007 Strafford County Community Corrections team:

James Dunn, Director
 Joseph Devine, Assistant Director
 Frank Laratonda, Mental Health Court Director
 William Britton, Pretrial Officer
 Blair Rowlett, Pretrial Officer
 David Bedard, Community Work Program Supervisor
 Paul Giampa, Assistant Community Work Program Supervisor
 Jayne Young, Intake Coordinator
 Denise Morin, Administrative Assistant
 Krista Shevenell, Administrative Assistant

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2007

Participants:

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Inmates:				
Males	38	39	31	41
Females	4	8	12	4
Sentenced to Program:				
Males	89	78	92	113
Females	21	23	35	37
Community Service:				
Males	71	85	86	97
Females	13	11	14	11

Breakdown of Hours:

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
Inmates	2800	2837	2646	1854	10137
Sentenced to Program	2899	2211	3045	3470	11625
Comm Serv/Drug Court	1861	1460	2256	2363	7940
Total Hours for Workers	7560	6508	7947	7687	29702

Ordered to Program Breakdown:

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Total Orders	116	92	118	108

Pass	32	38	36	55
Fail	23	43	39	43
Partial Completion	3	19	35	27
Open Orders		209	214	259

<i>Barrington</i>		Total	Elderly & Adult Services	304
	Town of Barrington	32	Rochester Community Center	102
<i>Dover</i>			Public Works	96
	Dover Baseball League	56	Rochester Ice Arena	294
	Dover Childrens Center	96	Rochester Commons	112
	Pinehill Cemetery	1515	St. Elizabeth Seton School	628
	Dover River Walk	64	Building and Grounds	12
	Dover Housing	824	Mock Disaster	80
	Central Dover FD	24	Rochester Fairgrounds	57
	South Dover FD	136	Rochester Cemetery	128
	Dover Teen Center	48	Homemakers	88
	Apple Harvest Day	100	Roger Allen Park	40
	Dover Head Start	88	<i>Somersworth</i>	
	Ice Arena	192	Somersworth Housing Authority	2187
	Dover Public Library	24	Children's Festival	56
	Dover Facilities, Grounds & Parks	48	City of Somersworth	353
	McConnell Center	1016	Millennium Park	64
	City of Dover	64	Public Works	128
	Dover Adult Learning	352	Pumpkin Festival	56
	Bell Center	96	Highway Dept.	240
<i>Durham</i>			Cemetery	64
	Cemetery	88	<i>Strafford County</i>	
<i>Farmington</i>			Dept or Corrections	84
	Riverbank	702	HUB	316
	Town of Farmington	824	Alternative Living	120
<i>Lee</i>			Superior Court	148
	Grange	72	Christian Emergency Response	112
	Town of Lee	40	Community Action Program	408
<i>Madbury</i>			YMCA	36
	Town of Madbury	37	COOP Extension	324
	Cemetery	32	Community Corrections	528
<i>Middleton</i>			Meals on Wheels	1002
	Town of Middleton	120	Children in Motion	72
<i>Milton</i>			Milford IB Delivery	240
	Milton Legion	291	Public Defenders Office	451
	NH Farm Museum	390	Riverside Rest Home	156
	Milton Mills	107	Donation Depot	64
	Milton Mills Cemetery	72	Sheriff's Department	40
	Milton Fire Dept	372	Toy Drive	122
	Milton PD	88	Conservation District	72
	Town of Milton	142	Canned Good Donations	145
<i>New Durham</i>			No Crew	96
	Town of New Durham	104	Strafford County Complex	6028
<i>Rochester</i>			<i>Out Of County</i>	
	Gonic Fire Department	64	Hampton Beach	104
	Rochester Rec Dept	200	Odyssey House- Hampton	88
	City of Rochester	464	A Safe Place	53
	Health and Human Services	200	Hampton PD	104
	Gonic Cemetery	81	Newington Sheriff's Office	96
	Earth Day	72	Southern NH University	152
	Rochester Fire Department	506	Special Olympics- Hampton Beach	1888

Roch & E. Roch Public Library	40
1st Congregational Church	80
Rochester Opera House	1060

<i>Total Work Hours</i>	
<i>By Town</i>	
Barrington	32
Dover	4743
Durham	88
Farmington	1526
Lee	112
Madbury	69
Middleton	120
Milton	1462
Out of County	2485
Rochester	4736
Somersworth	3148
Strafford County	10564

<i>Total Donations</i>	
	Amount
Cordwood	\$2,000.00
Jail Industries	
Deliveries	\$2,550.00

In closing I want to thank the Strafford County Board of Commissioners for their continued support of this agency, and County Administrator Ray Bower for his dedicated guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jamie Dunn, Director
 Joseph Devine, Assistant Director

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING/SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS REPORT FOR 2007

In 2007, the Alternative Sentencing Programs in Strafford County experienced growth and programmatic development. By rehabilitating offenders in the community, we are saving taxpayer money while maintaining public safety. The Alternative Sentencing Programs co-exist in this County as part of an overall shift in philosophy to supervise and rehabilitate non-violent offenders in the community with help from the entire-County infrastructure. Without any piece of this infrastructure, these programs would not be able to operate as efficiently or as successfully as they do. This infrastructure includes; Strafford County Community Corrections, including the Community Work Program, the New Hampshire Public Defenders-Dover office, the County Attorney's Office, the Strafford County Department of Corrections, including the Therapeutic Community, the Strafford County Sheriff's Department, Southeastern New Hampshire Services, New Hampshire Department of Corrections Probation/Parole, and the Strafford County Superior Court. Of course, County-alternative sentencing programs require local government support and without this support from the Strafford County Commissioners, George Maglaras, Chairman, Paul Dumont, Vice Chairman, and Ronald Chagnon, Clerk, these programs would not exist. The leadership from County Administrator Raymond Bower has been crucial over the past year as he provides the initiative and support we have needed to grow. In 2007, Strafford County Alternative Sentencing Programs received a County Government Award for Innovative Programming from the National Association of Counties. In 2008, we will continue to enhance County Criminal Justice Programming and the infrastructure that supports these programs. Among these enhancements are transitional housing and public transportation to the County Complex.

The Strafford County Drug Treatment Court: Following a year-long pilot program, the Drug Court commenced full-operations on January 19, 2006, after securing a Department of Justice grant for 3 years. The Drug Court is a specialty court program that connects non-violent, felony-level, substance-abusing offenders and New Hampshire State Prison parolees who meet the same criteria, sentenced out of Strafford County Superior Court, to an integrated system of intensive alcohol and drug treatment in the community, combined with case management, strict court supervision and progressive incentives and sanctions. By linking participants to treatment services, the program aims to address offenders' addiction issues that led to criminal behavior, thereby reducing recidivism, and protecting public safety. The Drug Court is designed to be a 12-month alternative sentencing program, divided into three phases, and followed by one year of probation. Over the past year, the Drug Court held steady with an average enrollment of 45 participants and graduated 10 participants from the program. The Drug Court also opened its doors to high-end Misdemeanor level offenders that would otherwise warrant a jail sentence. The Strafford County Drug Treatment Court was the first adult drug court in New Hampshire.

The Strafford County Rochester District Mental Health Court Pilot Program: This alternative sentencing program commenced operations in June 2007. The Mental Health Court provides court supervision and treatment services to mentally ill defendants to

promote engagement in treatment, improve quality of life, decrease recidivism and increase community safety and awareness of mental health issues. The Mental Health Court is a 3-phase specialty court program designed for adults who have one or more Misdemeanor-level offenses and who are eligible for mental health treatment. The Mental Health Court involves frequent court appearances, as well as individualized treatment planning and case management. This program also awards incentives for healthy, appropriate behavior and imposes sanctions for negative behavior. The Strafford County Community Corrections program (SCCCP) has made great strides in identifying and releasing clients with Mental Health issues. In coordination with Strafford County Judges and the local mental health center, SCCCPC has helped develop bail language that compels defendants to get mental health treatment as a condition of their bail. The continuity of supervision that is provided from Pre-trial to Post-trial is a major factor in the referral and success of the program. In 2007, the Mental Health Court saw its first graduate and was showcased on New Hampshire Public Television. The Mental Health Court was an outgrowth from the Strafford County Mental Health Council. In 2007, the Council also began a Crisis Intervention Team, which includes staff from the Rochester and Dover Police Departments, Community Partners and National Alliance on Mental Illness-New Hampshire (NAMI-NH). In 2008, this team will become certified as a Crisis Intervention Team who will respond to mental health-related police calls to ensure a more systematic, sensitive approach to persons with mental health issues.

The Strafford County Academy Program: Since its State-wide inception in 1993, this alternative sentencing program is a collaborative effort between the Strafford County Commissioners and the New Hampshire Department of Corrections. The Academy Program provides intensive case management to felony-level, substance abusing offenders who have a 12 month jail or a New Hampshire State Prison sentence and Parolees who are being released to reside in Strafford County. Academy participants commit to monthly judicial intervention, intensive case management, drug testing, life skills group and Probation supervision. In 2007, Strafford County successfully bid and received administrative supervision of the Carroll County Academy Program. The Strafford County Academy Program maintains a capacity of 25 participants, while the Carroll County Academy maintains 15 active participants. The Strafford County Academy Program graduated 12 participants in 2007. The Academy Program is able to "catch" those felony offenders who do not meet the more strict criteria of the Drug Court program. The benefit of a larger catchment-net adds to the seamless approach for rehabilitating offenders in the community.

This is the 2007 Strafford County Alternative Sentencing/Specialty Courts team who has exhibited a committed, professional and ethical service for the past year:

- *Carrie Lover, Criminal Justice Program Coordinator
- *Jennifer Laferriere, Academy Program Director
- *Frank Laratonda, Mental Health Court Program Director
- *Alex Casale, Drug Court Program Director
- *Tabatha Peters, Drug Court Senior Case Manager
- *Jamie Bennett, Drug Court Case Manager

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Lover,
Strafford County Criminal Justice
Programming Coordinator