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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the major assaultive incidents by type and location at the Canon City correctional facilities for calendar year 1978. All data used in this report were taken from the final investigation logs maintained by the investigation section.

The intent of this report is to provide meaningful data to assist correctional managers in identifying buildups of "hot spots" at an institution and to provide information on trends that have been established over time.

OVERVIEW

In 1978 the Canon City correctional facilities recorded 25 major assaultive incidents. This figure represents a reduction of six incidents from last year and marks the lowest number of recorded assaultive incidents since 1972.

As seen in Figure 2 on the following page, since 1970 the majority of all assaultive incidents at the Canon City correctional facilities have occurred at the Canon Correctional Facility. The most frequent type of assaultive incident has been an inmate assault on another inmate.

Over the last nine years the number and type of assaultive incidents at the Canon City correctional facilities have remained relatively stable except for a noticeable increase in inmate assaults on correctional officers during 1977 and 1978. Over twice (13) as many inmate assaults were recorded during 1977 and 1978 as recorded (6) during 1975 and 1976.

A. Assaults

1. Inmate Assaults on Officers. Over the last two years 13 inmate assaults on correctional officers have occurred at the Canon City correctional facilities. All assaults on officers have occurred at the Canon Correctional Facility, and nearly half (6) of these assaults on officers have occurred in Cell House Three. The figure below shows the rate of occurrence and location of inmate assaults on officers over the last two years.

Figure 1

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Assaults on Officers</u>		
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>Total</u>
CCF - CH-3	4	2	6
CCF - CH-7	2	1	3
CCF - CH-1	0	2	2
CCF - Dining Hall	1	0	1
CCF - Steward's Dept.	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	7	6	13

2. Inmate Assaults on Inmates. In 1978, 17 inmate assaults on other inmates were investigated at the Canon City correctional facilities. Two assaults resulted in inmate deaths. Figure 3 shows the rate of occurrence and location of inmate assaults on other inmates over the last two years.

Figure 2

SUMMARY OF ASSAULTIVE INCIDENTS

CCF, FCF, ITC, and CWCF

1970 - 1978

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
<u>Canon Correctional Facility/ Diagnostic Center</u>									
Sexual Assaults	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Inmate Assaults on Inmate	7	5	12	20	17	16	19	14	14
Inmate Assault on Civilians	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Murder by Resident	1	3	3	1	2	1	3	4	2
Assault on Officers	0	0	4	4	6	3	3	7	6
Kidnapping/Taking Hostages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Total	8	8	19	25	26	21	25	29	24
<u>Fremont Corr. Facility/ITC</u>									
Sexual Assaults	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Inmate Assaults on Inmate	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1
Murder by Resident	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Assault on Officers	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	2	2	2	5	2	2	1
<u>Colo. Women's Corr. Facility</u>									
Inmate Assaults on Inmates	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	8	9	21	27	28	27	27	31	25

Figure 3

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Inmate Assaults on Other Inmates*</u>		
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>Total</u>
CCF - CH-7	6	7	13
CCF - CH-3	2	4	6
CCF - Diagnostic Center	3	2	5
CCF - Yard	1	2	3
CCF - CH-1	3	1	4
CCF - Dining Hall	1	0	1
CCF - Central Administration Bldg.	1	0	1
CCF - Auditorium	1	0	1
FCF - Yard	1	0	1
FCF - CH-1	1	0	1
FCF - Steward's Dept.	0	1	1
Totals	20	17	37

* Includes Murder

The above statistics indicate that over the last two years most assaultive incidents have taken place at the Canon Correctional Facility. During 1977 and 1978 four-fifths of the total inmate assaults at the Canon Correctional Facility have taken place in four housing areas: Cell House One, Three, Seven and the Diagnostic Center. Cell House Seven shows the largest occurrence of inmate assaults (13) while Cell House Three appears to have a high proportion of inmate assaults per Cell House capacity. The figure below shows the Cell House capacity, number of inmate assaults on other inmates, and the rate of inmate assaults per 100 cell capacity for the four beforementioned housing areas at the Canon Correctional Facility for 1978.

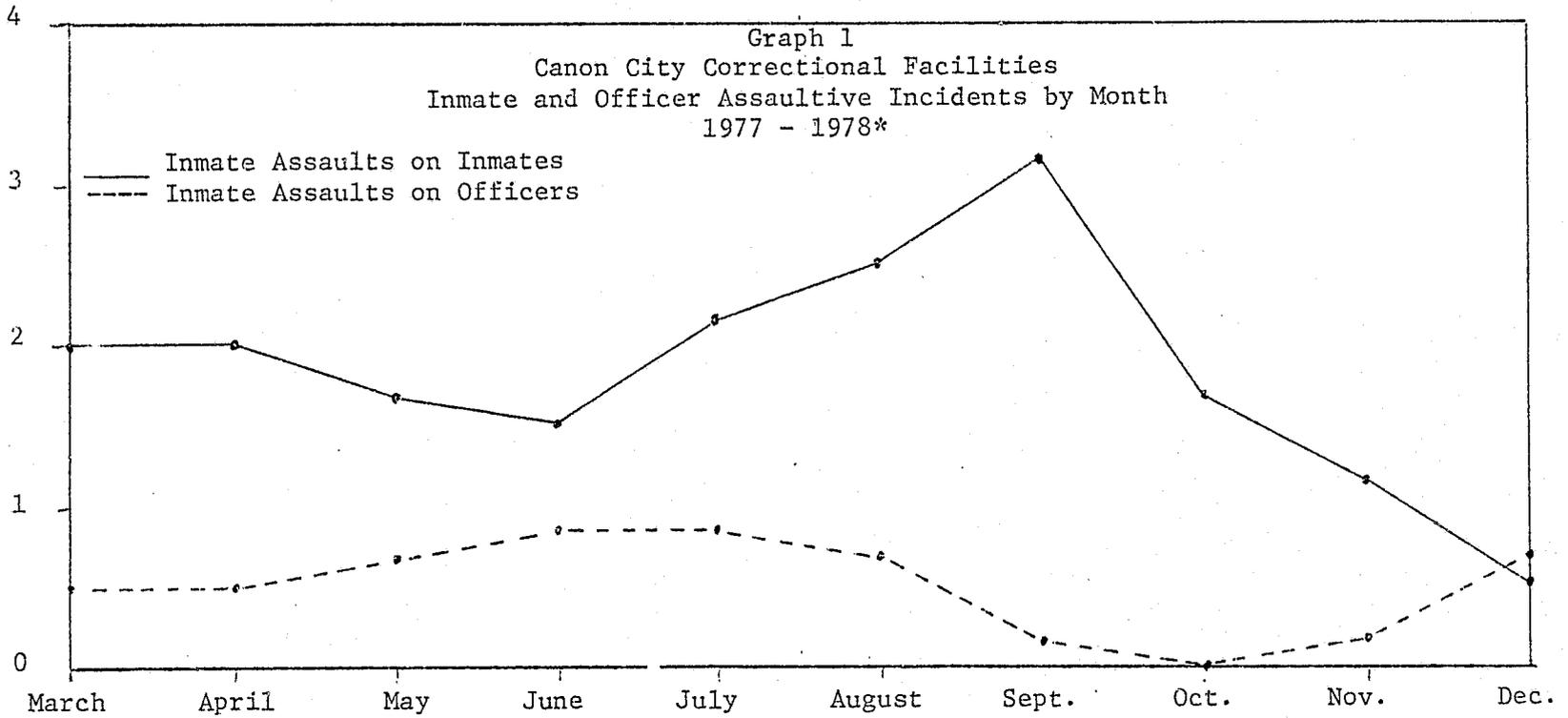
Figure 4

<u>CCF Housing Area</u>	<u>Inmate Assaults</u>	<u>Cell House Capacity</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Cell Capacity</u>
CH-7	7	406	1.72
CH-3	4	96	4.17
CH-1	1	371	.27
Diagnostic Center	2	118	1.69

3. Monthly Trends of Officer and Inmate Assaults.

The following graph depicts the number of officer and inmate assaults by month at the Canon City correctional facilities over the last two years. From this Graph it appears that the most critical part of the year for potential assaultive behavior occurs between July and September.

Monthly incidents of inmate assaults on officers show no apparent seasonal trend. An alarming fact demonstrated by this graph is that more assaultive incidents on officers were occurring than inmate assaults on other inmates by December, 1978.



Number of Assaultive Incidents

* Based on a 3-month moving average of 1977 and 1978 recorded incidents.

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