To: Sentencing Research and Evaluation Committee
   Sentencing Accountability Commission

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Subj: Department of Corrections Population Patterns 2000 to December 2009

Attached are four graphs providing a summary of the Department of Correction Bureau of Prison’s population based on the daily population reports for the period of January 2000 to December 2009. Also, on the second page of this report is a table that provides a detailed quarterly breakout of DOC facility types by offender status since the 4th quarter of 2007. Offender status types include offenders sentenced for Level V Prison (offender serving more than one year), Level V Jail (offenders serving one year or less), Level IV offenders, Level III offenders, and detainees.

Graph 1 shows that between January 2000 and December 2009 that the detention, Level V and Level IV facilities populations have increased from about 6,100 to 6,600. The peak daily population during this period was September 2007 when the population surpassed 7,300. The last time this population hit a similar low was December 31, 2005 (6,694).

Graph 2 provides a year-to-year overlay for the total DOC population. It shows that there was a long period of slow population growth between 2002 and 2005 when the population remained relatively stable, and in 2003, the population actually decreased. In the second half of 2005, a separation began and in 2006 and 2007 a period of accelerated growth became evident. In 2006 and 2007, the population peaked at about 7,250 and 7,375, respectively, in the fourth quarter of each year. Now, in 2009, the average population is closer to 6,600.

Graph 3 shows the same type of year-to-year overlay but for only the detention and Level V major institutions beds. On December 31, 2009, this population was 5,446. This population, while smaller, shows a very similar pattern seen in Graph 2.

Graph 4 shows that the Level IV work releases and VOP Centers have remained tightly bunched until this year in which the population hit it’s highest at 1,350 in March. The Level IV facility population has decreased steadily, noting that there are approximately 100 to 150 less individuals than there were last year at this time.
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<th>Offender Status</th>
<th>4th Quarter 2007 (12/28/07)</th>
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<td>Level V Prison</td>
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<td>3,739 (597 42 2 1,565)</td>
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1 Level V Prison refers to offenders sentenced to greater than one year.
2 Level V Jail refers to offenders sentenced to one year or less, or offenders serving an “indefinite” sentence such as Boot Camp.
3 Offenders sentenced to probation Levels IV and III may be held with a court order while awaiting a probation program.
4 Detention refers to those offenders who are held in pre-sentence custody.
5 Prison Facilities include: Vaughn Correctional Center, Howard Young Correctional Institute, Sussex Correctional Institute and Baylor Women’s Correctional Institute and WEBB (as of July 1, 2008, WEBB began reporting as a Community Corrections Facility).
6 Community Corrections Facilities include PCCC, NCCWRF, MCCC, Central VOP, South VOP, and SCCC and WEBB (as of July 1, 2008, WEBB began reporting as a Community Corrections Facility). Community Corrections Facilities house Level IV offenders, work release and those assigned to addiction treatment. Community Corrections Facilities in specific locations also house Violation of Probation offenders, including some in detention status. Some Level V offenders may also be housed at Level IV facilities.
7 Delaware State Hospital houses pre-sentenced and sentenced offenders with psychiatric issues, or those awaiting psychiatric evaluations.
8 Compact Cases refers to offenders housed per interstate compact agreements.
Graph 1
Detention, Level V and Level IV*
Total Major Institutions and Community Corrections Facilities Population Jan 00-Dec 09**

*Includes RCD, DCC, SCI, BWCI, HRYCI; Prison Sentences greater than 1 year, Life & Death Sentences, Jail Sentences less than 1 year, Pre-trial Detainees, and Level IVs held at Level 5 and PCCC, WEBB, NCCWWRF, MCCC, SCCC, Central VOP, South VOP and Supervised Custody

**Compiled using information reported on DOC Daily Population Sheets.
Graph 2

Detention, Level V and Level IV*

Total Major Institutions and Community Corrections Facilities Total Population by Year 2000-Dec 2009**

*Includes RCD, DCC, SCI, BWCI, HRYCI; Prison Sentences greater than 1 year, Life & Death Sentences, Jail Sentences less than 1 year, Pre-trial Detainees, and Level IVs held at Level 5 and PCCC, WEBB, NCCWWRF, MCCC, SCCC, Central VOP, South VOP and Supervised Custody

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**Graph 3**
Detention and Level V (Jail and Prison)*
Total Major Institutions Population by Year 2000-Dec 2009**

- **Includes WEBB (Prior to 7/1/08), RCD, DCC, SCI, BWCI, HRYCI; Prison Sentences greater than 1 year, Life & Death Sentences, Jail Sentences less than 1 year, Pre-trial Detainees, and Level IVs held at Level 5**

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Graph 4
Level IV Work Release, VOP Centers and Supervised Custody*
Total Community Corrections Facilities Population by Year 2000-Dec 2009**

*Includes PCCC, WEBB (After 7/1/08), NCCWWRF, MCCC, SCCC, Central VOP, South VOP and Supervised Custody

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