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NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL



Message from CIC Executive Director

While it does not feel like we're in spring season outside, the District government is definitely in budget season. The CIC would like to continue to increase capacity, and has made budget requests to support this growth. The budget hearing date for the CIC and the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) is [April 19, 2018](#). Hearings for other DC government agencies have been scheduled as well. For more information, please visit the [DC Council Calendar](#).

On March 8, 2018, the DOC delivered to the CIC a written response to the CIC FY17 Report on the DOC inspections. The DOC response can be found on the CIC's [website](#).

The CIC greatly values and appreciates all of the input, information, and expertise provided by all stakeholders affected or moved by the experiences and conditions of incarcerated DC residents. We encourage you to continue to reach out to the CIC via email at dccic@dc.gov or via phone at 202-478-9211.

IN THE NEWS

Two Instances of Unknown Substances Mailed to DOC

DOC employees received medical attention after opening a package at the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) containing a synthetic drug first believed to be the synthetic opioid fentanyl. A District Fire & EMS



spokesperson later reported that, after further testing, the substance was identified as synthetic cannabinoid. According to two District officials, the package was addressed to an inmate at the facility.

On Friday, March 23, another unknown substance was found in the CTF mail. As a precaution, one DOC employee was taken to the hospital and three others who were exposed to the substance were treated on site.

Deaths in Custody

People die while incarcerated, either from natural or unnatural causes. While the CIC may receive aggregate numbers of deaths in custody for its reports, the CIC learns of individual deaths of incarcerated persons from media outlets, community members, and others who are incarcerated.

- From a community member, the CIC learned that Hope Village resident Willie Joyner, age 52, has died. Mr. Joyner was taken to the hospital on Saturday, March 10, 2018, where he passed away.
- The [Washington Post](#) reported that, on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at about 12:30 pm at CTF, 55 year-old Elizabeth Tierney was found unresponsive by correctional officers, and she could not be revived.

If you have any information that you can share regarding the death of an incarcerated DC resident, please contact the CIC at 202-478-9211.

Upcoming Inspection: USP Atwater

The CIC will inspect USP Atwater in California on April 11-12, 2018. While there, the CIC representatives will endeavor to meet one-on-one with any incarcerated DC man who wishes to speak with the CIC. We



Voter Registration Drive at Hope Village



The DC Board of Elections and DC Office of Human Rights visited Hope Village on Monday, March 19, 2018, in continuous efforts to inform and educate incarcerated persons and returning citizens of their rights and opportunities to vote. Halfway house residents were provided information regarding the eligibility requirements for voter registration, the election calendar, and other educational materials. At this drive, 27 men registered to vote and five men completed Election Worker applications.

In addition to halfway house facilities, these DC agencies regularly hold other voter registration drives at the DOC facilities, the Central Detention Facility (CDF or "DC Jail") and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF).

For more information about voting rights, visit the District of Columbia Board of Elections [website](#).

Did you miss the CIC Open Meeting?

The CIC held an open meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ in Ward 8. Among the information discussed were:

- the appointment of CIC's fourth board member, Calvin Woodland, Jr.;
- the creation of a liaison position, staffed by Laura de las Casas, designed to convey individual emergencies and issues to correctional agencies;
- reports, DOC's response to CIC FY17 report on DOC; and
- upcoming inspections.

For more details about this and other CIC open meetings, visit our [website](#).



Future CIC Open Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE), 100 42nd St NE

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, location TBD

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, location TBD



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