



MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell

January 16, 2026

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has received the reports completed by volunteers who participated in the Correctional Facilities Community Inspection Program in 2025, in accordance with the County Charter. I want to personally thank the community members involved for their role in helping to ensure our operations remain transparent and accountable. I also want to thank our Multnomah County staff for the hard work that went into facilitating this inspection.

I appreciate the continued attention to the urgency and concern for addressing staffing issues in our corrections facilities. While MCSO has improved our hiring process – reducing the time between application and hire – we know that staffing levels are a big concern. We will continue to advocate for funding for these critical roles within our administration.

Volunteers correctly identified that the age of the Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) causes some challenges. Our commitment to "a corrections center of the future" comes from our need to meet constitutional mandates for safety and cleanliness. In the meantime, we will continue to prioritize addressing plumbing and other concerns – to ensure our facilities are compliant with municipal codes and safety protocols.

MCSO is proud of the progress we have made in the last year to reduce vacancies in our Programs Unit. Our Programs Unit provides essential services to pretrial and sentenced adults in custody. We take seriously the concerns regarding out-of-cell time for AICs with complex behavioral health needs. Aligning our practices with national standards remains a priority. Our services today and in the future are designed to promote stability during incarceration, reduce risk and improve outcomes for adults leaving custody through coordinated and evidence-based interventions.

Finally, I appreciate the attention to the progress we have made through the 2024 Corrections Recommendations Project. I look forward to utilizing a similar framework in the coming years to ensure the security and wellbeing of adults in our custody and staff working in our facilities. As we look forward to the future of Multnomah County Corrections, our focus centers our values of transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. The inspection reports provided by these community members will continue to guide us in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell
Multnomah County Sheriff