

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS & JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The joint meeting with House Public Safety Budget committee attended a tour of the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility on January 25, 2005.

Warden Michael Dempsey and Commissioner Denise Everhart met the group and provided information on the facility.

The Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility (TJCF) is a medium security facility with an FY 2005 budgeted capacity for 216 male offenders ages 17 to 22 ½ . TJCF is authorized 236 FTE positions.

The Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) consists of a 150-bed maximum-security unit, a 60-bed reception and diagnostic unit and a 15-bed infirmary adjacent to the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility. The budgeted capacity for KJCC in FY 2005 is 60. In December 2004, the JJA began moving offenders and staff from TJCF to KJCC. The complex is currently scheduled for use as a maximum custody general population facility. Operation of the reception and diagnostic unit and the infirmary is pending. The FY 2005 budget for KJCC is included in the budget for TJCF. KJCC and TJCF will be merged in FY 2006 with one administration and budget.

The committee returned to the Statehouse around 3:30 pm.