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News Release



Sheriff Opens 1st Tent in Jail Expansion Project



(Photo courtesy of Florida Today)

On Saturday, July 8th, 2006, Jail Commander Susan Jeter and the Corrections Officers of the Brevard County Jail Complex transferred 100 inmates into the 1st completed Tent as part of the new Jail Complex Expansion Project.

In 2005, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners received a consultants' proposal for over \$43 million dollars to expand the Jail Complex with an additional 500 inmate beds. Sheriff Jack Parker proposed an alternative solution that will cost taxpayers \$17 million dollars while adding 688-beds, a savings of nearly \$30 million dollars and an increase of nearly 200 inmate beds. In addition to these savings, the Jail has utilized Inmate Work Crews to assist with the construction of this project, which is projected to save Brevard County Taxpayers an additional \$1 million dollars in labor costs.

The Project, when completed will consist of four Tents housing 400 inmates, a medical/mental health ward housing 288 inmates, and other improvements to existing jail buildings. The medical/mental health ward should be ready for use in March 2008.

To reduce the cost impact to taxpayers Sheriff Parker has informed the County Commissioners that his office will use existing Jail positions to supervise inmates in the new Tent Complex. The Board of County Commissioners had been expecting a large financial request (of almost a million dollars) to fund the necessary officers for the entire Tent Project.

Contact Commander Susan Jeter at (321) 690-1503 for further information.