



American Correctional Officer Intelligence Network

Serving America's Corrections Professionals

20 Questions The Private Prison Industry Doesn't Want To Answer

1. How many escapes have occurred from your companies "secure" facilities?
2. In the event of an escape what is your company's protocol?
3. Are your security staff trained in capturing escaped inmates?
4. Are your security staff sworn Peace Officers?
5. Are your security staff licensed to carry firearms? On property? Off property?
6. What are your hiring requirements?
7. How many of your staff have been assaulted by inmates?
 - a) Were those assaults investigated by the appropriate law enforcement agency?
 - b) Were the inmates prosecuted?
 - c) How many of those assaults resulted in the employee needing medical attention?
8. How many inmate-on-inmate assaults occurred in your facilities?
 - a) Were those assaults investigated by the appropriate law enforcement agency?
 - b) Were the inmates prosecuted?
 - c) How many of those assaults resulted in the inmate needing medical attention?
9. How many lawsuits have been filed against your company?
 - a) By inmates, by inmate family members?
 - b) By staff?
10. How many states/municipalities/cities or towns have been named in those suits?
 - a) How many of those suits have you settled, won or lost? Are the results of these suits public information?
11. How many unfair labor charges have been filed against your company? What were the results?
12. What percentage of inmates are released from your custody into the community where your facility is located? How many are sent back to the contracting agency for release?
13. What is your annual turnover rate for security personnel?

14. What percentage of your security personnel have more than five years experience in corrections?
15. When you open a new facility what percentage of the security personnel are hired from that community?
16. What inmate classification system do you use; the jurisdiction in which you are operating or the sending agencies?
17. How frequently are you in contact with law enforcement agencies in the community from which the inmates are being contracted? What do you know about these inmates, their gang activities, enemy situations, escape histories, assault histories or prior institutional experiences? Who can we call in those jurisdictions that will verify that you check this information?
18. How does your pay and benefits compare to your public counterparts? By what percentage are they lower? What types of pension and health care plans do you offer? What percentage does the company pay, what percentage does the employee pay?
19. When an inmate commits a crime in your facility isn't it true that responsibility for that inmate now rests with the taxpayers of the jurisdiction in which the inmate committed the crime? Example: an inmate from DC while housed in a private facility in Tennessee murders another inmate. He is now a ward of the state of Tennessee because the offense was committed in Tennessee. Now the state of Tennessee, which had nothing to do with this inmate being in its jurisdiction, will incur all associated costs, true or false?
20. How much money did your company and its employees contribute to political campaigns over the past five years and who were the recipients?