

Corrections Update

Changing the way we do business

Equipment

Correctional facilities will be getting new protective vests, intervention suits, ION Scanners, and TMR radios to improve safety and communication in the facilities.

- Three-hundred protective vests and 160 protective panels, which are inserted into the vests, will be purchased for use by Correctional Services and Sheriff Services. These vests have a higher protective value than the vests currently in use.
- The new vests will help compliment existing equipment. In addition to escorting, the use of vests will be extended to high-risk areas of the correctional facilities, for perimeter security, incident response, admissions and discharge units.
- The tender for protective vests has closed. They will be purchased soon.
- 71 Hatch – Centurion soft shell intervention suits with protectors are also being purchased for facilities and staff training.
- Between eight and 12 suits will be distributed to each institution. The next steps will be sizing and ordering the vests and suits.
- The equipment can be viewed at: www.hatch-corp.com/law/centurion.aspx
- Four Ion Scanners are now in use. Two are running at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside, one at the Cape Breton Facility in Sydney, and one at the Southwest Nova Facility in Yarmouth.
- The Ion Scanners are an added layer of security that can detect trace amounts of explosives and drugs.
- Correctional facility staff has been trained on the Ion Scanners, which are already being used in many airports and correctional facilities throughout the country.
- The tender for mobile and portable Trunk Mobile Radios (TMR) has closed. In the coming months, radios will be purchased and distributed to Correctional Services and Sheriff Services, for improved safety and communication.