

# Medical Services

*M*edical Services is one of the largest units in the Sheriff's Department, with 733 personnel items. Those items include doctors, dentists, nurses, phlebotomists, radiology technicians, and many other medical personnel. Medical care is provided by these dedicated professionals at all Sheriff's Department Custody Facilities. In addition to the civilian staff, five sworn personnel are assigned to the operations side of the unit. They include a Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, and two Deputies.

Medical Services has an annual budget of approximately 50 million dollars. Expenditures include approximately 500,000 dollars per month for medications. Of that total, psychiatric medications comprise about 45%, and HIV medications comprise about 27%. More than 30,000 doses of medication are dispensed daily.



Major accomplishments in 1998 include the relocation of the Pharmacy into a new modern location, expansion of the self-medication program, improvement in the handling of medical records, and more extensive intake screening of arrestees arriving at the IRC. Perhaps the greatest achievement though, was the approval of the

22 million dollar Jail Health Information System (JHIS). It is a state-of-the-art, computerized, unified management system, encompassing medical, pharmacy and inventory records, and it will propel Medical Services into the next millennium.



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