



# Macomb County Sheriff's Office

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### Sheriff's Advisory

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### Sheriff Makes Jail Overcrowding Declaration

**MT. CLEMENS, MI – November 10, 2014** – On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham declared a County Jail, State of Emergency. Sheriff Wickersham notified County Officials, Judges and the local Police Chiefs that due to the current overcrowded conditions in the County Jail and, in order to comply with P.A. 325 of 1982, the prisoner population must be reduced.

State Law requires that, when the County Jail exceeds 100% of its "rated design capacity" for seven (7) consecutive days, the Sheriff must certify the fact to the Chief Circuit Court Judge. The rated design capacity of the Macomb County Jail is 1218.

The Jail population needs to be reduced to 1193 prisoners in order to be compliant with State Law. It has been 15 days since the Sheriff's State of Emergency Declaration, and the Jail count remains above the limit.

The Sheriff's Office is reviewing its inmate population and will make recommendations to Chief Circuit Court Judge John C. Foster. The Judge can modify sentences, reduce bonds and/or release prisoners on tether.

Sheriff Wickersham states that the Sheriff's Office will only recommend those prisoners for release who pose no threat to the public.

There have been 14 Emergency Jail Overcrowding State of Emergency declarations since 2003.

*This report is a summary of activity and incidents reported to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office over the previous week. It is not inclusive of all incidents that have been reported. The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to withhold certain information if its release is not in the community's best interest, or if we feel it will compromise an investigation.*