

Sheriff's Office to Host 'Open House' of New Jail Facility

It very well could be the one and only opportunity to end up on the "Go to Jail" space while utilizing the "Get Out of Jail Free" card... all without being arrested.

Kitsap County Sheriff Steve Boyer, together with members of the criminal justice system and the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners, invites the general public to an open house of the Kitsap County Jail's new expansion 'wing' on Thursday, July 31, 2003.

The Kitsap County Jail is located behind the county courthouse. The courthouse address is 614 Division Street, Port Orchard.

Tours of the new jail wing will start at 11:30 a.m. and run continuously until 6:00 p.m. Access for the tour will be through the southeast corner of the current jail, adjacent to the loading dock. It is suggested that visitors park in the general area of Sidney Avenue and Sweany Street, Port Orchard, so that the entrance to the open house will be easier to find.

This event will provide the public with a chance to view a major section of the jail expansion project. The portion of the tour open to the public will include the new prisoner housing unit that has been added as part of the project. With the addition of the 310 beds in the new wing, the jail will increase its capacity from 200 to 510 prisoners.

Completion of this wing marks a major milestone in the jail expansion project that began with the passing of a one-tenth of one percent sales tax, in February 1999, by the citizens of Kitsap County. The new prisoner housing wing is the largest portion of the project and marks a substantial completion of the overall work effort. The remaining portion includes a remodel of the current jail's prisoner intake and release area, property storage, the master control room and prisoner holding cells. Total completion of the project is anticipated for this fall.

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