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## Guards Taken Hostage at Delaware Prison

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All prisons in Delaware are on lockdown as a hostage situation unfolded at the Vaughn Correctional Center near Smyrna on Wednesday morning.

Inmates reportedly took multiple guards hostage, though officials say there is “no threat to the public.”

“Department of Correction Response Teams and the Delaware State Police are on scene responding to a hostage situation at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna,” the Delaware Department of Corrections said in a statement. “Department of Correction will release additional information as it is appropriate.”

According to Representative William Carson, a member of the House Corrections Committee, details on what was unfolding was still scarce.

[@abuagla](#) RT mark\_abadi: 3 to 5 guards at a Delaware prison have reportedly been taken hostage by inmates, and have control ... <http://read.bi/2jYSSFv>

"The inmates have taken over a building," he told Delaware Online.

Department of Correction Response Teams and the Delaware State Police responded to the situation at the male prison which houses 2,500 inmates with sections for minimum, medium and maximum security. The prison also houses those who are on death row. It is currently unclear which portion of the prison was taken over.

[@brittanyhorn](#) DOC have officially confirmed that it's a hostage situation at Vaughn Correctional Center. [#netdepic.twitter.com/jArSxOESh9](#)

[@brittanyhorn](#) In the meantime, here's what you need to know about Vaughn. There are multiple buildings here on the property, all far back from road [#netdepic.twitter.com/TETb8EG8x9](#)

## James T. Vaughn Correctional Center

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**WARDEN: David Pierce**

**DEPUTY WARDEN: Phil Parker**

**DEPUTY WARDEN: James Scarborough**

The JTVCC is a Level 5 (prison) facility for men located near Smyrna, Delaware, in southern New Castle County. The James T. Vaughn Correctional Center is the state's largest adult, male correctional facility. Currently, JTVCC houses approximately 2,500 inmates. JTVCC houses minimum, medium, and maximum security inmates. JTVCC is also the primary facility for housing the Kent County pre-trial (detainee) population. It also houses [inmates sentenced to the death penalty](#). [Executions](#) are carried out at the JTVCC.

Firefighters were also called to the scene after reports of there being smoke at the scene.