

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



DIVISION OF PAROLE & PROBATION

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Mission Statement

Enhance public trust and community safety, and provide assistance to the Courts and the Parole board by providing professional supervision of offenders to promote their successful reintegration into society

Vision: Collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as community and judicial partners, to promote public safety through effective supervision and offender reintegration.

Under authority of NRS Chapters 176, 176A, 209, & 213; NAC 213:

The Division of Parole and Probation is accountable for the community supervision of probationers, parolees, lifetime supervision sex offenders and conditionally released inmates; which entails both law enforcement and case management duties.

Parole and Probation Area Commands

- **Headquarters:**
 - Carson City
- **Northern Command Urban:**
 - Reno
- **Northern Command Rural:**
 - Carson City, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Pahrump, Tonopah, and Winnemucca
- **Southern Command:**
 - Las Vegas and rural Clark County

Division of Parole and Probation

Program Descriptions

The Division of Parole and Probation fulfills a critical public safety need through the thorough investigation and effective supervision of offenders by:

- **Conducting pre-sentence investigations and making sentencing recommendations to the District Courts of Nevada**
- **Conducting pardon investigations and making recommendations to the Pardons Board**
- **Conducting pre-parole, conditional release and incoming Interstate Compact investigations to ensure appropriate community placement and supervision for offenders**
- **Monitoring and enforcing offender compliance with conditions of their community supervision while on parole, probation or as an inmate on residential confinement**
- **Reporting behavioral misconduct and supervision violations to the District Courts of Nevada and the Parole Board**
- **Assisting offenders in successfully reintegrating into society**
- **Collecting restitution payments and disbursing monies received to victims of crime**
- **Collecting Court or Board ordered financial obligations**

The following laws enacted during the 2017 Legislature were identified as having an impact on the operations of the Division of Parole and Probation:

- **Assembly Bill 23:**

- Authorized the Division to establish and operate one or more independent Reporting Facilities to provide daily services to any referred parolee or probationer as an intermediate sanction. (Day Reporting Center Initiative)

- **Assembly Bill 25:**

- Defined what it means for an offender to be 'current' with their payments;
- Clarified when an offender may receive credits;
- Modified factors in determining credits.

- **Assembly Bill 291:**

- Changed the scope of the criminal history allowed to be reported;
- Required information sources related to offenses to be reported;
- Extended timeframe for factual errors in a PSI to be modified, in certain circumstances.

2017 Legislative Bills Continued

- **Assembly Bill 326:**

- Allows for corrections to PSI reports for up to 180 days, post-conviction, upon approval of Judge, Prosecutor, and Defense Counsel;
- Requires information used as a basis for affirming gang affiliation to be disclosed when the affiliation is disputed by the defendant.

- **Assembly Bill 514:**

- Authorized the Division to provide money for transitional housing for indigent prisoners released on parole under certain circumstances. (Indigent Funding Initiative)

2017 Legislative Initiatives

- Day Reporting Centers
 - Funding: \$1,305,150 for SFY 18/19 Biennium
 - Contracted with Sentinel for DRC services
- Pre-Release: Embedded NPP Specialists in NDOC Facilities
 - Funding: \$849,600 for SFY 18/19 Biennium
 - Facilities: Lovelock, High Desert, Southern Desert, Ely, and Casa Grande Transitional Housing/Florence McClure
- State Funded House Arrest
 - Funding: \$1,111,500 for SFY 18/19 Biennium
- Indigent Funding for Transitional Housing
 - Funding: \$300,000 for SFY 18/19 Biennium
- Risk Assessment and Supervision Classification
 - Funding: \$296,178 for SFY 18/19 Biennium

Staffing - Vacancies:

The Division is working diligently to fill all vacancies and maximize the number of cadets in the academies each year. Parole and Probation continues to experience a significant attrition rate due to retirements, other job opportunities, etc.

- The Division has a total of 582 positions with an overall vacancy rate of 14.8% (86 vacant positions).
 - 323 Sworn Positions
 - 54 Sworn Vacancies (17%)
 - 259 Non-Sworn Positions
 - 32 Non-Sworn Vacancies (12%)

2017 Staffing Enhancements

The Division received funding to increase staffing by a total of 83 positions over the SFY 18/19 Biennium.

- Non-Sworn Caseload Changes:
 - Funding: \$4,201,951
 - Added 35 Positions to reduce Non-Sworn caseloads in Post Conviction, Intensive Supervision, and Pre-Sentence Investigations.
- Day Reporting Center:
 - Funding: \$2,681,288
 - Added 6 Sworn and 2 Non-Sworn positions to supervise offenders assigned to the Day Reporting Centers.
- Embedded Specialists:
 - Funding: \$849,600 (also reported under Legislative Initiatives)
 - Added 1 Sworn and 5 non-Sworn positions, and upgraded 2 Non-Sworn positions, to facilitate Release Plan completion for inmates.
- Sworn Supervision Caseload Changes:
 - Funding: \$6,846,090
 - Added 34 positions to reduce Supervision caseloads for Sworn positions.

Supervision Caseloads

The total number of offenders currently being supervised by the Division is 19,496

- Parole 4,194
- Probation 13,647
- Lifetime Supervision Sex Offenders 1,539
- Inmates 116

The average caseload for the Las Vegas and Reno offices are:

	Low Risk	Medium Risk	Maximum Risk	Intensive Supervision	Sex Offenders	Miscellaneous
Las Vegas	182 : 1	120 : 1	84 : 1	50 : 1	45 : 1	Target 75 : 1 (varied by region)
Reno	190 : 1	95 : 1	96 : 1	32 : 1	55 : 1	
JFA	150 : 1	80 : 1	60 : 1	30 : 1	25 : 1	75 : 1

* Rural caseloads vary depending on location

Future Concepts

- Increase funding and participation in the Day Reporting Centers
- Increase funding and participation in the State Funded House Arrest program
- Increase funding for the Indigent Funding Transitional Housing program.
- Explore updating statutory language to define General Discharges rather than Honorable or Dishonorable Discharges.
- Explore potential for transitional housing; possibly through a private vendor.