

Division Overview - Parole and Probation

The primary mission of the Department of Public Safety Division of Parole and Probation (Division) is to protect the community and to reduce crime. The Division is very unique in that it accomplishes its mission through two distinct strategies: (1) Traditional law enforcement, such as sanctioning offender noncompliance and misconduct, search and surveillance, and arrest; and (2) community correctional services, such as drug testing and counseling, mental health services, employment and educational placement, and encouraging and supporting the offender's positive efforts to become a productive, law-abiding citizen. The Division is also sensitive to and supportive of victim's rights.

The Division has thirteen offices located throughout the state, with its Headquarters, Administration and Specialized Units in Carson City. The Division is divided into two regional areas – the Northern Command and Southern Command. Reno and Las Vegas, account for 80% of the workload. The rural offices, while accounting for only 20% of the workload, are responsible for coverage of 87,699 square miles, or 75% of the state's geography.

Collection of Restitution and Offender Fees

The Division collects on average more than \$2 million in restitution annually from offenders and facilitates the disbursement to the victims of crime. The Division also collects more than \$2 million annually in supervision fees from offenders to help defray the costs of supervision, thereby reducing the burden for the citizens of Nevada.

Who Do We Supervise

The Division supervises defendants who have been placed on probation by a District Court for a conviction(s) of a felony or gross misdemeanor. We supervise inmates released from prison on parole by the Parole Board or inmates mandated by statute for released. We supervise inmates approved by the Department of Corrections for transitional community programs. We also supervise offenders transferred to Nevada under the Adult Interstate Compact Agreement.

The Division's offender population ranges from those who pose little or no risk to the community to those who pose a significant risk to the safety of our community. Our offender population includes individuals convicted of murder, violent offenses, kidnapping, crimes against a child, sex offenses, street gang activities and significant financial offenses. At any given time, the Division supervises approximately 19,000 offenders state-wide.

Who We Are and What We Do

The Division manages a plethora of duties and activities daily, which makes working as a Department of Public Safety Division of Parole and Probation Officer very challenging. Not everyone can work as an officer for our Division because of the mental and emotional demands. For those who choose a career with the Division and have what it takes, playing a role in protecting Nevada and helping to reduce crime is a very rewarding experience. The following bulletins provide an overview of the comprehensive duties of a DPS Parole and Probation Officer.

- We serve the judiciary through (1) preparing objective and informative presentence investigation reports to assist the courts in fashioning an appropriate and legal sentence for defendants; (2) preparing supervision and

