Our History

Pennsylvania has a distinguished reputation in penology. The commonwealth was the birthplace of the penitentiary concept, also known as the Pennsylvania System. Eastern State Penitentiary opened in 1829, on a cherry orchard outside of Philadelphia, and it was considered at the time to be “the world's greatest penitentiary.” Known to historians as "the first true penitentiary," Eastern State operated until 1970.

The Bureau of Correction was created by an act of Legislature in September 1953. The foundation was based on a report by Retired Army Major General Jacob L. Devers and his special committee to investigate prison problems. The committee was convened shortly after riots at Pittsburgh and Rockview early in 1953. It was the committee’s mission to recommend ways to improve the correctional system and reduce unrest. Up to this point the state’s prisons fell under the Department of Welfare. Here they were governed by their own boards of trustees. The Devers Committee suggested the establishment of one agency, whose sole purpose was to manage the state prison system. Appointed by Gov. John S. Fine, Arthur T. Prasse was selected as the first commissioner of corrections, where he remained until 1970.

In 1980, the Bureau of Correction changed hands from the former Pennsylvania Department of Justice, to the newly created Office of General Counsel to the Governor. Constitutional changes resulted in an elected state attorney general, and the disbanding of the Justice Department.

In 1984, under Act 245, the Bureau of Correction was elevated to cabinet-level status, making it the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.
Today

Today, under Secretary John E. Wetzel, the department -- with a Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget of $2.5 billion -- oversees 24 state correctional institutions, one motivational boot camp, 14 community corrections centers, nearly 40 contract facilities, a training academy, approximately 15,000 employees and nearly 50,000 inmates.

Major initiatives of this administration have been:

-- To reform the system and reduce the inmate population through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), which was begun in 2012 and continues today. The goal of JRI is to change the system for the better and to reinvest any monetary savings back into the community to provide community-based services to prevent crime. System changes, along with preventive community measures, should result, in time, in the reduction of the state prison population without jeopardizing public safety.

-- To enhance and improve the mental health services provided to inmates. Twenty-four percent of the inmate population requires some sort of mental health monitoring and or services. Eight percent of the population is seriously mentally ill.

-- To reduce future crime and recidivism by providing inmates with tools and skills necessary for them to reenter society successfully and to not commit new crimes nor interact negatively with the criminal justice field, either through rearrest or reincarceration.

-- To reduce the use of administrative segregation of inmates while reducing prison violence at the same time.

Our Mission

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections operates as one team, embraces diversity, and commits to enhancing public safety. We are proud of our reputation as leaders in the corrections field. Our mission is to reduce criminal behavior by providing individualized treatment and education to offenders, resulting in successful community reintegration through accountability and positive change.

Our Organization

The department is headed by a secretary, an executive deputy secretary, three regional deputy secretaries and a deputy secretary for administration.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary of corrections is responsible for the overall management and operation of the entire adult corrections system. The secretary directly supervises the executive deputy secretary, the deputy secretary for administration and the directors of the following offices/bureaus:

Office of Chief Counsel – The Office of Chief Counsel provides legal representation, advice and other legal services to the Department of Corrections. The Office of Chief Counsel reports to the Governor’s Office of General Counsel.
**Bureau of Human Resources** – This bureau establishes overall policy and procedures for implementing the department’s comprehensive Human Resources program while ensuring compliance in the areas of staffing, classification and pay, promotion, personnel transactions and payroll, placement/recruitment and labor relations. This bureau also provides guidance on the management of human resources to the secretary and other senior staff of the department.

**Bureau of Information Technology** – This bureau is responsible for providing project management, applications systems development and support services, desktop services and infrastructure services and support, to the Department of Corrections, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the Sexual Offender Assessment Board, the Office of Victim Advocate and the Firearm Education and Training Commission.

**Office of Inmate Grievance and Appeals** – Reporting to the special assistant to the secretary of corrections, this office is responsible for final disposition of all grievance appeals from inmates under the provisions of department policy DC-ADM 804, Inmate Grievance System. Grievances are tracked at the facilities and monitored using the automated grievance tracking system.

**Office of Health Care Systems Advocate** -- This office, which was created in 2016 and reports directly to the secretary of corrections, ensures that inmates get the health care treatment they should while in prison. Working independently from the DOC’s Office of Health Care Services, the health care systems advocate complements the DOC’s already-existing checks and balances while also ensuring that inmates/reentrants are connected with services upon release from prison. This office is charged with improving inmate health care services and outcomes and will review the delivery of care practices, policies and procedures, as well as individual inmate health concerns. It also provides institutional and overall organizational support.

**Office of Mental Health Advocate** -- This office, which was created in 2015 and reports directly to the secretary of corrections, ensures that inmates get the treatment they should while in prison. This office works with the reentry office to advise on appropriate levels of community treatment and coordination of services for hard to place reentrants. Working independently from the DOC's Psychology Office, the mental health advocate complements the DOC's already-existing checks and balances while also ensuring that inmates are connected with benefits upon their release from prison. This office also oversees a unique program, the Certified Peer Support Specialist program, which trains eligible inmates to provide support to individuals with mental illness and emotional difficulties while incarcerated. This is an employment initiative and is an evidenced based model which prepares individuals for employment in the mental health field upon release. It also complements the existing services available throughout incarceration. This office also provides consultation on suicide prevention efforts and training targeted to creating a trauma informed care system.

**Office of Planning, Research and Statistics**– Responsible for directing all planning and research activities within the department and provides detailed data analysis to assist decision-making and short and long-term planning efforts.
Office of Policy, Grants and Legislative Affairs – Responsible for assisting the Governor’s Policy and Legislative Affairs Office with corrections-related issues to identify and analyze public policy issues which have an impact on the Department of Corrections and the Governor’s criminal justice policy agenda. The Policy Office works internally with the Office of Chief Counsel and other department directors, as well as other state agencies where overlapping interests occur. This office also works closely with legislators and tracks legislation; develops and promotes agency initiatives and policy agenda; and oversees all grant activity.

Press Office – This office is responsible for responding to news media requests for information about department policies, procedures, programs, employees and the inmates it incarcerates. Press Office employees also provide guidance and instruction to institutional staff charged with the responsibilities of serving as public information officers. Members of this office also report to the Governor’s Communications/Press Office.

Office of Special Investigations and Intelligence – This office investigates staff corruption and inmate abuse; serves as the point of contact for outside law enforcement and intelligence agencies and conducts background investigations of candidates for employment with the Department of Corrections.

Office of Staff Development and Training / Training Academy – This office is responsible for overseeing the entire department’s staff training and for operating and managing the department’s Training Academy. The academy develops, implements and provides pre-service, in-service and out-service training of all department employees. Training is provided to state and county employees ranging from basic training (required for all new state corrections employees) to management-level courses, instructor courses and specialized courses. This office also hosts conferences, seminars and courses sponsored by other Commonwealth and public agencies. Each year more than 6,000 state and county employees are trained in more than 250 courses consisting of over 100 separate subjects.

EXECUTIVE DEPUTY SECRETARY

The executive deputy secretary directs and manages all department field operations through supervision of three regional deputy secretaries who provide a clear line of responsibility, authority and direction to institutions. The directors of the following bureaus/office also report to the executive deputy secretary:

Bureau of Community Corrections – Responsible for residential facilities located in various Pennsylvania communities. These facilities, also known as half-way houses, provide a transitional process by allowing residents monitored contact with jobs and educational opportunities. There are facilities that focus on mental health, veterans, alcohol and other drug and provide numerous services to the reentrants. These facilities house reentrants who have been granted parole by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, parole violators returned to the system for technical violations and individuals in State Intermediate Punishment. The department also contracts with private vendors to provide specialized treatment and supervision service.
Bureau of Correction Education – Responsible for directing, monitoring and assisting state prisons in the delivery of educational, vocational and library services. This bureau also ensures that inmates are provided with an opportunity to receive instruction in all academic skill levels including special education that can lead to a GED or a Commonwealth secondary diploma. The bureau also provides a variety of vocational programs that offer nationally recognized certifications that will enable a reentrant to attain viable employment upon release.

Office of Population Management and Sentence Computation – This office responsible for monitoring all aspects of the inmate population, enabling department officials to successfully manage institution populations. This is accomplished by providing for the quick and efficient movement of inmates based on sound security practices, programming needs, medical, mental health and behavioral needs. This office assesses, analyzes and prepares for the future trends of corrections so that the DOC is ready when the needs develop to meet them. The DOC's transportation system is overseen by this office. This office also is responsible for sentence computation for all inmate receptions, sentence status changes for certified sentences of incarcerated inmates and administration of the Interstate Corrections Compact, International Prisoner Treaty and witness protection programs.

Psychology Office -- This office is responsible for the oversight of psychological and psychiatric services within the DOC.

Bureau of Standards, Audits and Accreditation - Established July 20, 2015, the mission of this bureau is to direct, manage and implement statewide policies and procedures designed to maintain appropriate compliance and accreditation. The bureau is responsible for the direct oversight of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Compliance Division, Office of County Inspections and Services and the Division of Standards, Policy and Operational Compliance.

The PREA Compliance Division (PCD) is responsible for ensuring that department facilities enforce a zero-tolerance standard to eliminate incidences of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The PCD ensures compliance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination (Act 28 C.F.R., Part 115) and achieves this through the implementation of policy, coordination of Department of Justice audits, development of trainings focused on prevention, response protocols and investigations, along with data collection that represents the dynamics for preventative action.

The Office County Inspections & Services is responsible for maintaining a statewide program of independent field inspections of all county correctional facilities. These inspections are conducted at a minimum of every 12 months and a maximum of every 24 months to determine compliance with controlling Commonwealth statutes and regulations. The Office of County Inspections and Services provides technical services to any requesting county regarding the interpretation of Pennsylvania Code Title 37, Chapter 95, and resources or recommendations for “professionally recognized practices.

The Division of Standards, Policy and Operational Compliance (SPOC) manages the American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation process for department-wide facilities and oversees respective annual, internal operations inspections in adherence with policy management and applicable laws, procedures and practices.
**Bureau of Treatment Services** – The bureau is responsible for directing, monitoring and assisting state correctional facilities in the assessment of inmate needs and in the delivery of inmate treatment programs and other related services. These include: religion and family services, to include virtual visitation and family transportation; volunteer led programs and initiatives; casework and counseling programs and services; substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services, including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT); inmate classification and risk/needs assessment, enabling staff to engage inmates in effective correctional/treatment planning; diagnostic and classification processes; and pardons and commutation services. Programs of varying intensity levels that address SUD, violence, criminal thinking and domestic violence are standard across all institutions. Specialized programs focus on the needs of specific populations, such as women offenders, parole violators, inmates with special needs and inmates with lengthy sentences. The bureau is also responsible for directing staff who facilitate inmate activities and those who coordinate inmate employment and vocational program assignments in the state prisons.

**Victim Services Office** – This office represents, protects, and advances the individual and collective rights and interests of crime victims.

Also under the supervision of the executive deputy secretary are the agency’s reentry initiatives, which are coordinated by regional reentry administrators (RRAs).

**Regional Reentry Administrators** – The Eastern and Western RRAs assist inmates as they transition from institutions to community corrections centers via parole or to an approved parole release plan. RRAs coordinate systemic and tangible reentry practices within the department to advance the reentrant’s opportunity for success; thereby reducing recidivism and increasing public safety.

**DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE EASTERN REGION**

The deputy secretary for the eastern region oversees the operation of the following state prisons: SCIs Chester, Coal Township, Dallas, Frackville, Graterford, Mahanoy, Phoenix (which is under construction), Retreat and Waymart.

**DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CENTRAL REGION**

The deputy secretary for the central region oversees the operation of the following state prisons: SCIs Benner Township, Camp Hill, Houtzdale, Huntingdon, Muncy, Pine Grove, Rockview, Smithfield and the Quehanna Motivational Boot Camp. The Security Division also reports to this regional deputy secretary.

**Security Division** – This division is responsible for developing and implementing security policies/procedures for emergency preparedness; conducting staffing surveys for all facilities, the Drug Interdiction Unit; Special Response Teams (Hostage Rescue Teams, Hostage Negotiations Teams, Corrections Emergency Response Teams and Corrections Rifle Specialist Teams); and coordinating and monitoring external and internal inspections. This division also serves as a resource for all statewide facility security offices.
DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE WESTERN REGION
The deputy secretary for the western region oversees the operation of the following state prisons: SCIs Albion, Cambridge Springs, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Laurel Highlands, Mercer and Somerset.

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION
The deputy secretary for administration oversees the operation of the following offices/bureaus:

**Bureau of Administration** – This bureau is responsible for the development, implementation and management of the entire Department of Corrections $2.5 billion budget. It is also responsible for the procurement, fiscal and accounting functions of the department, as well as overseeing the administrative service areas such as purchasing, automotive services, voice communications, grant financial reporting, travel services, inventory systems and property management.

**Bureau of Correctional Industries** – Pennsylvania Correctional Industries -- a bureau within the Department of Corrections -- is tasked with operating factories within DOC institutions to provide inmates with vocational training and work experience in order to reduce inmate idleness while incarcerated, to assist with an inmate’s successful reentry following release from prison and to reduce inmate recidivism by providing them the work skills to find and keep meaningful employment. The organization operates without support of the state’s general fund and is financially self-supporting through the sale of its products to Commonwealth agencies, other public sector entities, educational and non-profit organizations. Correctional Industries’ quality products and services include officer uniforms and inmate apparel; mattresses and linens; office furniture (including desks, seating and file cabinets, parks and recreation furnishings); indoor and outdoor signage; detergents and cleaning products; optical, printing, engraving, laundry and commissary services as well as all of the Commonwealth’s license plates.

**Office of Equal Employment Opportunity/Contract Compliance** – This office develops and monitors the department’s Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) programs, monitors contract compliance programs, investigates allegations of discrimination, promotes diverse recruitment activities and develops the department’s Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance plans. It is responsible for developing the bi-annual federal Department of Justice Equal Employment Opportunity plan, the annual Equal Employment Opportunity plan for the Governor’s Office of Administration and the annual Contract Compliance plan for the Department of General Services. This office provides training to employees and, upon request, the employees of contractors. It ensures compliance with the non-discrimination clause in state contracts and promotes diversity through use of Small Diverse Businesses whenever possible. The EEO office monitors the hiring process and conducts adverse impact studies. It also provides technical assistance to the institutions’ field human resource officers, business managers and other personnel to further enhance each institution’s equal opportunity programs.

**Bureau of Health Care Services** – This bureau is responsible for supervising and monitoring the delivery of all medical/dental care services and food service operations throughout the state correctional system. These services are provided at a level
consistent with community standards through continuous quality improvement processes, coordinating services with other department bureaus and offices and through networking with support services from applicable community and state agencies.

Bureau of Operations – This bureau works cooperatively with the Department of General Services and the Department of Labor & Industry for the planning and administering of all facility maintenance, construction/renovation and capital projects, facility buildings as well as land use, surplus property and the department’s safety and environmental program. The bureau also oversees ongoing projects completed by each facility for PennDOT under the Agility Program. The bureau provides annual facility inspections to ensure compliance with appropriate policies and state and local codes while monitoring the safety practices of staff and inmates.
SCI Huntingdon (Huntingdon County) opened in 1889, was modeled after the Elmira Reformatory in New York. Originally the Huntingdon Reformatory for Young Offenders, it was later used for “defective delinquents” until 1960. Today, SCI Huntingdon houses adult male inmates.

Construction of SCI Rockview (Centre County) was begun in 1912, and it opened in 1915. Originally planned to replace Eastern and Western Penitentiaries, it became instead the branch prison for Western Penitentiary, housing lesser security risk prisoners, most of whom were employed in Rockview’s extensive farm program outside the gates. Today, this facility houses adult male inmates.

SCI Muncy (Lycoming County) is the diagnostic and classification center for the state’s female inmates. It was originally opened in 1920 as The Muncy Industrial Home, a training school for female offenders between the ages of 16 and 30. Incorporated into the Bureau of Correction in 1953, SCI Muncy houses adult female inmates and also houses all of the state’s female capital case inmates.

SCI Graterford (Montgomery County), opened in 1929, performed the same branch function for Eastern State Penitentiary until Eastern was closed in 1970. Today, this facility houses adult male inmates. It also houses capital case inmates. It now serves as one of the DOC’s three diagnostic and classification centers (reception centers) for men entering the DOC and houses...
SCI Camp Hill (Cumberland County) opened in 1941 as the Industrial School at White Hill for Young Offenders and received Huntingdon Reformatory's juvenile population en masse. In 1975 it was ruled that SCI Camp Hill was not an appropriate place to house juvenile offenders, and in 1977 the institution began housing adult male inmates. It now serves as one of the DOC’s reception centers and is the main diagnostic and classification center for men entering the DOC.

SCI Dallas (Luzerne County) was opened in 1960 as an institution for defective delinquents. After the state Supreme Court decision of 1966 voided the concept of "defective delinquents," Dallas, like Huntingdon, became an adult institution. Today, this facility houses adult male inmates.

SCI Mercer (Mercer County) opened in September 1978. It originally opened to offer programs to county prisoners with minimum sentences of six months and maximum sentences of two years. When the prison’s mission changed in the mid-1980s, it became a prison for adult male inmates.

SCI Frackville (Schuylkill County) opened in 1987 and houses adult male inmates.

SCI Retreat (Luzerne County) opened in 1988. Formerly a state hospital for the mentally ill operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Retreat now houses adult male inmates.

SCI Smithfield (Huntingdon County) was constructed on the reservation surrounding SCI Huntingdon. Opened in 1988, this facility houses adult male inmates.

SCI Waymart (Wayne County) is located in a building complex that was formerly part of Farview State Hospital. Pressed into operation ahead of schedule to help deal with the aftermath of the October 1989 riot at SCI Camp Hill, the joint on-site operation of a state prison and state mental health facility was unique in Pennsylvania at that time. In October 1995, Farview State Hospital was transferred from the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Corrections and renamed the Forensic Treatment Center. The Department's Forensic Treatment Center houses mentally disabled male inmates who require inpatient psychiatric care and treatment. SCI Waymart also operates an Intermediate Care Unit, which is a step-down unit from the Forensic Treatment Center, as well as a Personal Care Unit to meet the needs of elderly inmates and those with chronic medical issues.
SCI Cambridge Springs (Crawford County) opened in 1992, was formerly the Polish National Alliance College before being purchased by the Commonwealth in 1990. The campus was converted into a facility for female inmates.

Quehanna Motivational Boot Camp (Clearfield County) opened in June 1992 as the Department of Corrections' first military-style motivational boot camp. Inmates assigned to the boot camp undergo a rigid six-month disciplinary and training program. In addition to the boot camp program, the facility accommodates individuals sentenced to State Intermediate Punishment, and it accommodates both male and female inmates.

SCI Somerset (Somerset County) opened in May 1993 as a state prison for men, the prison specializes in seriously mentally ill inmates.

SCI Coal Township (Northumberland County) opened in May 1993 and houses male inmates. The construction of SCI Coal Township was part of Governor Casey's Operation Jump Start Program. SCI Coal Township was one of five institutions (including SCIs Somerset, Mahanoy, Albion, Greene) constructed and financed through county or municipal authorities and one of five prototypical state prisons dedicated in 1993.

SCI Mahanoy (Schuylkill County) originally opened in July 1993 as an 1,800-bed male facility, housing unit expansions in 2012 have increased its population to accommodate 2,400 inmates. In addition to a robust offering of treatment, educational and recreational programs available to the population, specialty units operated at SCI Mahanoy include a residential treatment unit, a therapeutic community, a transitional housing unit and a diversionary Treatment Unit.

SCI Albion (Erie County) opened in July 1993. The facility houses male inmates and specializes in seriously mentally ill inmates. It has several specialized housing Units to include: DTU, RTU, SNU, THU, Honor Unit, and Co-occurring TC Unit. SCI Albion has also been involved with Canine Partners for Life (CPL) since 2005. This program provides highly-trained service dogs for individuals with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities.

SCI Greene (Greene County) is a maximum security facility that opened in November 1993 and houses adult male inmates to include a majority of the state's male capital case inmates. The facility is comprised of several different specialized units for the seriously mentally ill inmates inclusive of a residential treatment unit (RTU), a diversionary treatment unit (DTU), and a secure residential treatment unit (SRTU). The facility also operates a Security Threat Group Management Unit (STGMU) to address institutional gang violence and operates as an initial reception center for the western region.

SCI Houtzdale (Clearfield County) opened in January 1996 and houses male inmates.

SCI Laurel Highlands (Somerset County) opened in July 1996, is the former Somerset State Hospital. This institution houses adult male inmates. SCI Laurel Highlands serves as the Commonwealth's provider to inmates with special needs; namely, long-term care, personal care, wheelchair, dialysis and geriatric inmates, as well as general population inmates.

SCI Chester (Delaware County) opened in April 1998 as a non-smoking facility for men. It provides therapeutic services to inmates with drug and alcohol histories.
SCI Pine Grove (Indiana County) opened in January 2001. This facility houses, in addition to regular adult male inmates, Young Adult Offender males and Youthful Offender males. The Young Adult Offender Program (YAOP) is primarily designed for those inmates between the ages of 18-20 adjudicated as adults due to the nature of the criminal offense committed. The Youthful Offenders are male inmates under the age of 18 and are afforded the same opportunity for programing, but are housed in a separate unit in the Young Adult Offender program unit. Once they turn 18 they are moved to mainstream Young Adult Offender program. When Youthful Offenders are outside of their housing unit the facility will maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and any inmates over the age of 18 to provide direct security staff supervision when youthful inmates and any inmate over the age of 18, have sight, sound or physical contact. The YAOP meets the special needs of the Young Adult Offenders, as well as the Youthful Offenders in providing them with education, adolescent development and recreational activity while providing a safe environment for those inmates.

SCI Fayette (Fayette County), which opened in September 2003, houses adult men. It is located on a 258 tract of land in Luzerne Township. Fifty-three of these acres are located inside the perimeter’s fence, with 692,000 square footage under roof. SCI Forest (Forest County), which opened in October 2004, houses adult men.

SCI Benner Township (Centre County), opened April 2013, houses adult men serves as the DOC’s hub for the inmate transportation system.

Closed Facilities

SCI Waynesburg (Greene County) -- Originally a youth development center operated by the state Department of Public Welfare, Waynesburg was converted to a minimum-security facility for adult females in July 1984. It operated as such until 1992, when the prison was converted to an adult male facility. At that time all females were transferred to SCI Cambridge Springs in Crawford County. The prison remained open, housing about 450 inmates and employing 220 individuals, until 2003. In July 2005, Governor Rendell signed a bill that transferred ownership of the 117-acre prison to Basalt Trap Rock Co. for $990,000.

SCI Cresson (Cambria County) opened in 1987. It is a former center for the mentally ill, operated by the Pennsylvnia Department of Public Welfare. It was converted into a facility for adult male inmates. This facility was closed June 30, 2013.

SCI Greensburg (Westmoreland County) opened in 1969 as the first regional correctional facility, holding mostly short-term inmates. On May 1, 1986, the State Regional Correctional Facility at Greensburg was re-designated “SCI Greensburg” by Governor's Proclamation. The purpose of the change was to permit housing of a greater number of state-sentenced inmates -- a necessity with the growing inmate population. Today, this facility houses adult male inmates. This facility was closed June 30, 2013.

SCI Pittsburgh (Allegheny County), opened in 1882. Known to locals as “Western Pen,” the prison was put into “mothball” status in January 2005, when the final group of inmates was transferred to other prisons in the state. The administration building was renovated to serve as a community corrections center for approximately 80 residents. The building also houses community corrections offices. The prison was reopened in June 2007 to help the department deal with its ever-increasing inmate population. It houses adult male inmates. It now serves as one of the DOC's three diagnostic and classification centers (reception centers) for men entering the DOC and houses adult male inmates. This facility was closed June 30, 2017.
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