

DIVISION OF PROBATION AND PAROLE
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“Provide overall leadership to support effective supervision of offenders in the community and to facilitate offender habilitation.”

The Division’s mission supports the Department’s mission.

Ronald Taylor, Director of Probation & Parole :

Statewide Probation & Parole is made up of three regions and thirteen field offices. Each region supervised by a Chief Probation Officer and each office supervised by a Probation Officer III:

Region I: **Includes the following 5 regional offices -**
Bethel
Dillingham
Kenai
Kodiak
Palmer

Region II: **Includes the following 7 regional offices -**
Barrow
Fairbanks
Kotzebue
Nome
Juneau
Ketchikan
Sitka

Region III: **Includes the following regional office -**
Anchorage area-wide

The Division of Probation and Parole supervises a caseload of approximately 6,000 probationers and parolees with a total staff of 146 (of that total, 105 are Probation and Parole Officers).

The Division of Probation and Parole has oversight and supervision over the VPSO program, Crime Victim Services, Interstate Probation/Parole, Community Jails, Community Residential Centers and Electronic Monitoring.

GENERAL DIVISION OPERATIONS

Supervision of persons on probation and parole can arguably be considered of the utmost importance in relation to public safety as these are the people who are living in their own homes in every community across the state.

Division of Probation and Parole works very closely with the Division of Institutions and this is essential as they are dealing with the same persons. The goal of the Department from day one has been to insure a seamless transition between the institutions and the field so the offender has the best chance to succeed in the community and not return to custody.

Division of Probation and Parole, by necessity, work closely with the court system and local law enforcement agencies. Coordination of efforts is essential to enhance public safety.

Almost without saying, the Division of Probation and Parole work closely with the Parole Board.

A couple areas which are receiving continued and enhanced attention in the probation and parole area are gangs, sex offender supervision, and domestic violence. All these relate directly to public safety.

One of the primary goals for the Division of Probation and Parole for this year is to review every region, field office and individual probation officer with the goal of standardizing supervision practices in general and comparing how we do business around the state with an eye toward best practices and what results we are getting from the methods we are employing. We want to ensure that we use our limited staff resource to its absolute best advantage with the ultimate goal being public safety.