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Missouri Probation and Parole

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Celebrating

75

Years

*Honoring our Past
Developing our Future*

The Missouri Department of Corrections supervises and provides rehabilitative services to adult offenders in correctional facilities and Missouri communities to enhance public safety.



The challenges faced by the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole over the last 75 years have been many, varied and sometimes difficult. This agency has been at the forefront of public safety in the State of Missouri. Through the immeasurable efforts of the staff to the Parole Board and the Courts we have seen tremendous steps made within the Division. Through their work, countless lives have been positively affected and changed. Communities have become safer, and taxpayers have been saved thousand of dollars. Moving forward, we know that technological innovations along with proactive legislation can only further foster the effective and safe transition of offenders into the community, and advance the agency as a whole.

—Ellis McSwain, Jr, Parole Board Chairman

Parole Board Members: Brian Jamison, Kenny Jones, Chuck Pryor, Martin Rucker, Don Ruzicka, and Jim Wells

Honoring our Past

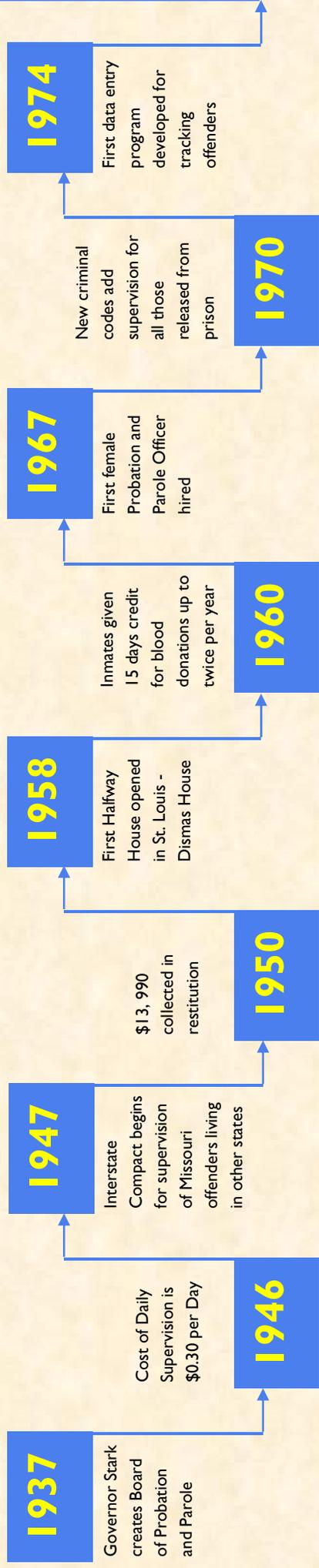
The Missouri Board of Probation and Parole was created on June 24, 1937. The Parole Board recommended to the Governor select prisoners for parole and commutation of their sentence. The first field office opened in 1938 in St. Joseph with one officer, and by 1947, there were 12 Probation and Parole Officers to cover the entire State of Missouri.

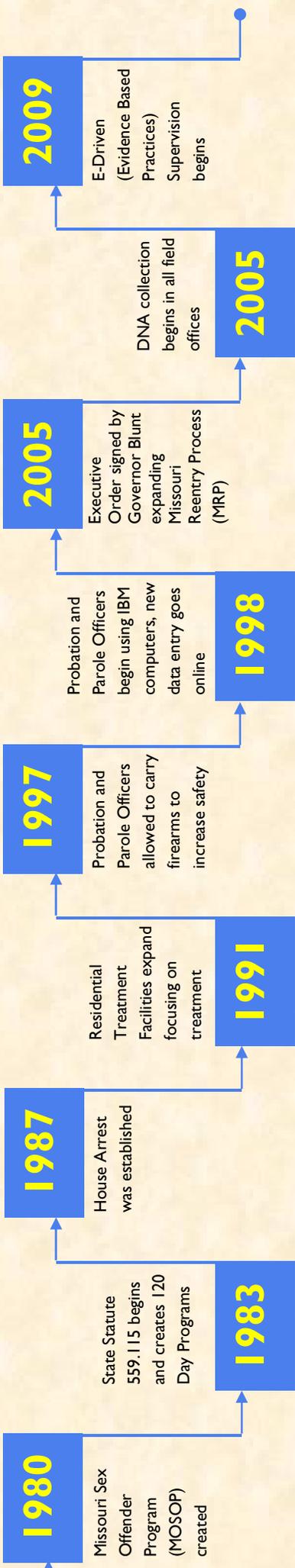
The landscape of the agency has evolved to meet the needs of offenders and Missouri communities. Probation and Parole has been at the forefront in correctional services by utilizing volunteers, Citizen Advisory Boards, assessment tools and best practices. In 1972, Volunteer in Corrections began and 230 attorneys were the first trained for these positions. Changes in the criminal codes and implementation of community sentencing laws provided opportunities for the agency to enhance service delivery. In 1957, laws were added to establish community treatment, which remains a key component in supervision today. As the demand for accountability increased, so too did our systems for data collections, needs assessments, and outcome measurements.

The Missouri Board of Probation and Parole has a rich and proud history and has been recognized as a leader across the United States in many initiatives over the years. The Division has been at the forefront of public safety in the State of Missouri and through effective supervision many offenders have become positive and productive members of our society.



1950's Board of Probation and Parole interviewing an offender.



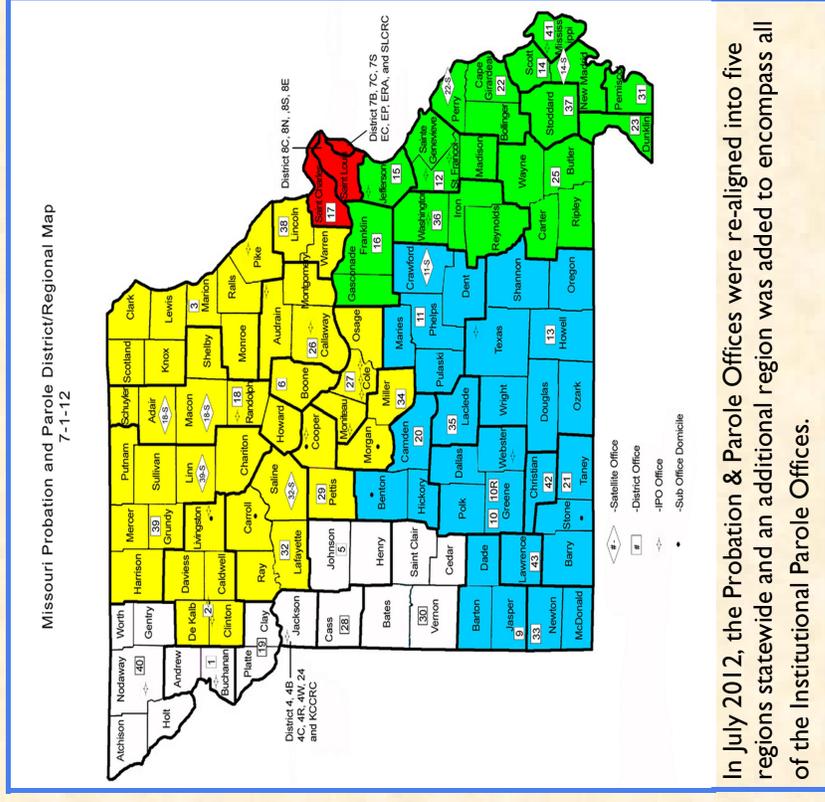


Developing Our Future

On August 28, 2012, SCS HCS HB 1525 was passed by the 96th General Assembly of the 2012 Missouri Legislature. This bill, duly dubbed the “Justice Reinvestment Act”, made significant changes to the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole. The bill consists of four components:

- Sentencing and Corrections Oversight Commission
Establishes a thirteen member commission who will monitor and assist in implementation of the other components of this bill.
- Earned Compliance Credits
The Earned Compliance Credits for qualified offenses will reduce the term of Probation, Parole or Conditional Release by thirty days for each full calendar month of compliance with the terms of supervision.
- Administrative Jail Sanctions
A Probation and Parole Officer may place an offender in the county jail for a period not to exceed forty-eight hours as an alternative to revocation proceedings. These sanctions cannot exceed 360 hours in a calendar year.
- Mandatory placement in 120 Day Program for First Revocation
Utilization of mandatory placement in a 120-Day Program for a first revocation of Probation. Eligible offenders who are serving a period of Probation for most Class C or D felonies who have not already been placed in a 120-Day Program for the same offense and who have violated the terms and conditions of their supervision and that violation is not for a new criminal offense, a weapons violation or absconding from supervision, shall be placed in one of the Missouri Department of Corrections’ 120-Day Programs. Once the offender has successfully completed this program, the Court must release the offender to continue to serve the term of Probation without modifying the term for the same violation.

The Board of Probation and Parole has spent much time implementing changes in policy, procedures, technology and officer training to meet the components of this bill.



In July 2012, the Probation & Parole Offices were re-aligned into five regions statewide and an additional region was added to encompass all of the Institutional Parole Offices.

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Number of DNA Samples Collected

10, 880

Number of CODIS Hits due to DNA

350

Total Offenders Under Field Supervision

73, 693

Probation

50, 725

Parole

16, 931

Deferred Prosecution

1, 173

Misdemeanor

1, 086

Interstate

2, 694

Conditional Release

1, 084

FY 2012 Collections

Restitution

\$9, 441, 503

Court Costs

\$6, 952, 472

Crime Victims Compensation Fees \$374, 345

Community Service Hours Completed 309, 794

Number of Parole Hearings

9, 797

Parole and Conditional Releases

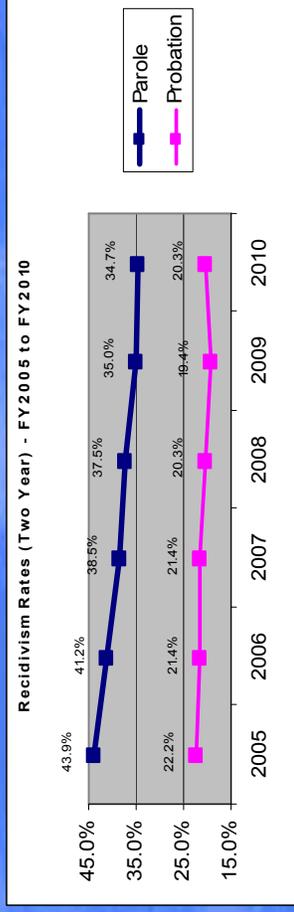
10, 744

Community Release Center Releases

2, 720

Community Supervision Center Releases

1, 396



Daily Cost of P&P Supervision

\$4.96

Vs

Daily cost of Incarceration

\$57.18

Specialty Courts Statewide

126

(These include Drug, DWI, Mental Health, Veteran, Domestic Violence, Alternative Treatment, Parents Choosing Change, and Reentry Courts)