

State of Utah - Department of Corrections



Department Manual

<i>FA01 - Mission and Goals of the Division of Prison Operations</i>	<i>POLICY</i>
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01.00 POLICY & RATIONALE

01.01 Policy

It is the policy of the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) that there is a clear, understandable mission statement that guides the administration, management, and operation of the Utah Division of Prison Operations (DPO). The DPO mission statement shall be consistent with the UDC's mission, vision, and goals.

01.02 Rationale

UDC staff needs to understand the mission statement because it describes the agency's purpose and intention and provides underlying direction for policy and procedures and other decisions the agency makes.

02.00 MISSION & GOALS

02.01 Purpose & Process

The mission statement establishes the Department's purpose, direction, and philosophy and its responsibility to and for inmates under its jurisdiction, along with the public and other stakeholders.

02.02 Mission Statement

- A. The Division of Prison Operations (DPO) mission is to ensure public safety through inmate success by effectively managing our inmate population using appropriate evidence-based

standards, tools, and other programs and resources to contribute to an inmate's success and increase overall public safety.

- B. The primary mission of the UDC is public safety; its secondary purpose is to provide inmates with the tools necessary to enhance the prospects of success in the community.
- C. Public safety, as it relates to the DPO, shall be accomplished by:
  - 1. implementing orders from sentencing courts and the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP) to incarcerate inmates;
  - 2. assisting in maintaining the integrity of the law by administering the sanctions imposed by the courts and the BOPP for unlawful behavior;
  - 3. operating prisons in a manner to eliminate or significantly reduce the risk of escape, inmate-on-staff violence, inmate-on-inmate violence, inmate disturbances, contraband, and generally enhancing safety and security in the system; and
  - 4. Assist inmates in preparing to return to the community after release.
- D. Inmate success, as it relates to DPO, shall be accomplished by:
  - 1. working with other UDC divisions and external stakeholders to help provide inmates opportunities to overcome their challenges and become productive members of society upon their release;
  - 2. offering educational and vocational programs, treatment programs, and other correctional-related programs that will help prepare an inmate for success upon release; and
  - 3. Implement adequate safety and security measures for the inmates, staff, volunteers, and programs.