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CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

(YEAR 2021)

BACKGROUND

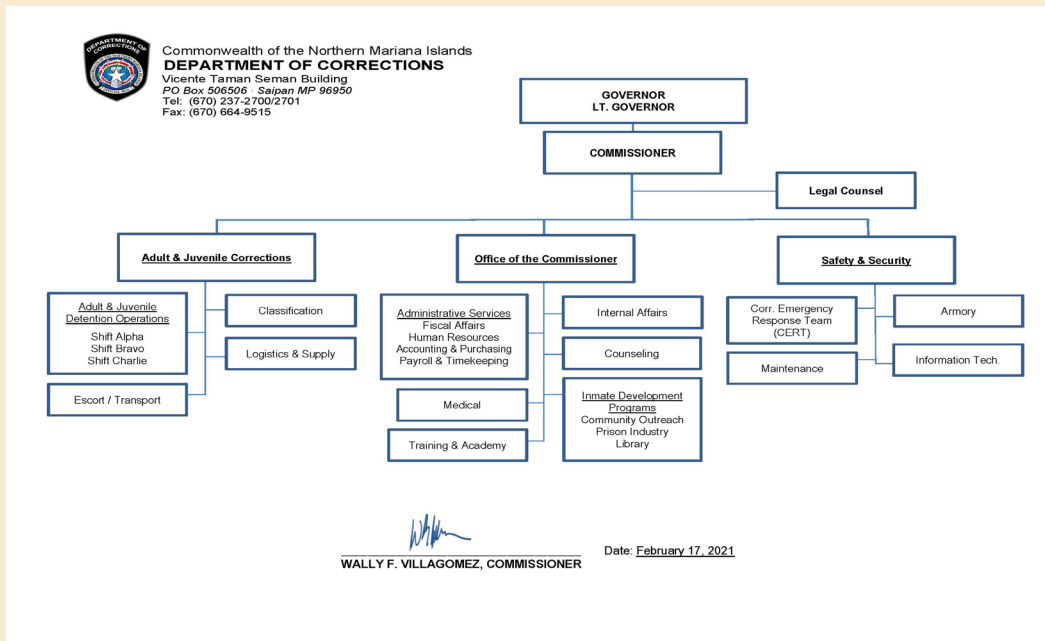
Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Corrections is to improve public safety by housing detainees and inmates in a safe, secure, and humane environment that meets constitutional standards for confinement and to provide inmates opportunities to participate in rehabilitative programs to assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens.

Department Overview

In general, the Department of Corrections (DOC), pursuant to Public Law 14-25, has a primary responsibility for all adult correctional services and adult offender detention throughout the Commonwealth, including the Rule Making Authority to prescribe necessary rules and regulations for the department as well as to enforce the provisions of the law. As such, over the years, the department has adopted and guided by such rules and regulations, established operational policies and procedures, that was approved under a U.S. Consent Decree Order, issued on May 20, 2014. In addition, Executive Order 2004-011 transferred the Juvenile Detention Unit to the Department of Corrections.

In order to meet the mandates, mission and programs of the Department of Corrections, employees are assigned to divisions and units as necessary. See chart below.



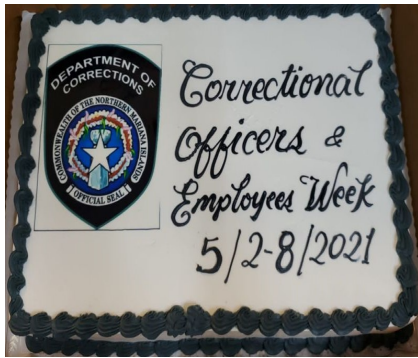
PERFORMANCE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Corrections (DOC) implemented measures to mitigate the spread of the virus to ensure a safe and healthy work environment. Employees and persons-in-custody all tested negative from COVID and all have received the Vaccination 1 & 2. Every new incoming individual for confinement is tested for COVID and vaccinated. Inmate visitation was ceased during the pandemic's early stage and then on June 28, 2021, DOC reopened visitation but strictly for non-contact visits.

The Community Outreach Program gives inmates opportunities to rehabilitate by acquiring new skills or improving their skills that will enable them to qualify for meaningful employment or contributing citizen once released from custody. To enhance the program, DOC and Northern Marianas Trade Institution (NMTI) is in the process of finalizing an MOU to provide certified training in trade skills to qualified inmates entering the program. In the meantime, the Program continues to provide assistance to other government agencies in building repairs and renovations, moving of office documents and properties, lawn maintenance and landscaping of grounds, and beautification projects at beach and park sites.

Other improvements during the fiscal year included repainting of the main facility and its central plant unit, repairs at the Tinian Detention Facility, completion of the scope of work for the facility's Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System, employees were placed at the correct pay level and awarded salary increases, submitted all pending invoices for payments due from FY2020 and FY2021, review and revised policies, received funding assistance from the American Rescue Plan, conducted a joint-task drug search operation with Customs Services and Department of Public Safety, received one bus for inmate transportation for evacuation purposes, and in the process of commencing the 9th Cycle Corrections Academy in partnership with Northern Marianas College (NMC) and Workforce Investment Agency (WIA).

Staff Appreciation



Donation from PSS
(for Emergency Evacuation)



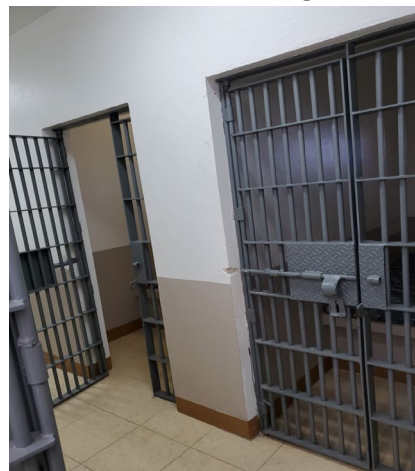
DOC & NMC Signing of MOU
(for 9th Cycle Corrections Academy)



Electrical Repair of Tinian Detention Facility



Tinian Detention Holding Cells



FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR	AVAILABLE FUNDS - BUSINESS UNIT 1335/1301	ESTIMATED EXPENSE	NOTES
FISCAL YEAR 2019	\$4,783,821	\$5,669,042	IMPACTED BY SUPER TYPHOON YUTU
FISCAL YEAR 2020	\$2,217,345	\$4,729,917	IMPACTED BY COVID-19
FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$2,820,572	\$6,694,255	IMPACTED BY COVID-19 / FUNDING ASSISTANCE BY ARPA
FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$5,378,924	\$-0-	FUNDING: LOCAL APPROPRIATION/ ARPA

YEAR	AVAILABLE FUNDS - BUSINESS UNIT 1335A/1302	ESTIMATED EXPENSE	NOTES
FISCAL YEAR 2019	\$448,694	\$649,814	IMPACTED BY SUPER TYPHOON YUTU
FISCAL YEAR 2020	\$241,471	\$577,261	IMPACTED BY COVID-19
FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$343,953	\$543,461	IMPACTED BY COVID-19 / FUNDING ASSISTANCE BY ARPA
FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$449,571	\$-0-	FUNDING: LOCAL APPROPRIATION/ ARPA

YEAR	EST. SPECIAL FUNDING 3022 / COMPACT IMPACT	ESTIMATED EXPENSE	NOTES
FISCAL YEAR 2019	\$630,380	\$200,424	
FISCAL YEAR 2020	\$779,035	\$471,982	
FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$779,035	\$393,647	
FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$542,491	-0-	Total available funds TBD by end of FY2022

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
OFFICERS (SWORN PERSONNEL)	72	87	114	109	100	98
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES	5	7	8	11	11	14
TOTAL	77	94	122	120	111	112

BASED ON JANUARY OF EACH YEAR

FUTURE OUTLOOK

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To complete on-going legal review to those affecting the correctional system existing laws and policies formulated in accordance with the standards established by the American Correctional Association, as ordered and approved in granting the CNMI a Final Termination of the Consent Decree on May 20, 2014;
2. Identify and apply for federal funding opportunities to urgently address existing inoperable or unreliable building maintenance systems to protect the safety, security and health of employees and individuals confined in its facility. These systems include but not limited to Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System, Boiler System, Security Surveillance System, Reverse Osmosis (RO) System; Touch Screen Security Control System (TSSCS); etc.;
3. Revisit the statutory requirement of the Juvenile Detention Unit with regards to oversight administrative and operational responsibilities;
4. Fully staff the Medical Unit with a Physician and Nurse to provide regular and or urgent medical care attention for persons confined in the institution; and,
5. Continue to provide employees, especially officers, training opportunities, on-island or abroad, to enhance skills and knowledge on current issues, correctional modules and modern techniques that work.

2021 Correctional Officers & Employees Proclamation Signing

