

A Citizen-Centric Report for Fiscal Year 2023
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 (Adult Correctional Facility and Juvenile Detention Unit)

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.

VISION STATEMENT

The Department of Corrections, with the goal of ensuring public safety, will offer inmates opportunities to prepare to return to society as law-abiding citizens through programs and services that focus on positive change. The Department will provide its staff opportunities for professional development to successfully achieve its mission and goals, and to serve as role models for inmates by conveying societal values.

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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

In general, the Department of Corrections (DOC), pursuant to Public Law 14-25, has 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. Over the years, the department has adopted and guided by rules and regulations and established operational policies and procedures, that were 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. Thus, the DOC ensures public safety by housing detainees and inmates in a safe, secure, and humane environment that meets constitutional standards for confinement; and provides inmates with opportunities to participate in rehabilitation programs so as to assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens.

Commissioner Anthony C. Torres was appointed by Governor Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Governor David M. Apatang on January 30, 2023, and was confirmed by the Senate on March 29, 2023.



EMPOWERING EMPLOYEES



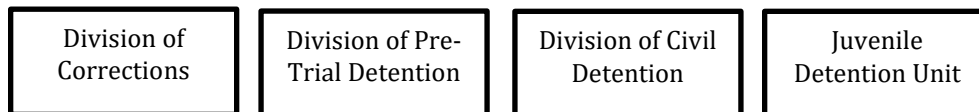
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

Number of Active Employees	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Officers (Sworn Personnel)	109	100	100	91	118
Civilian Employees	11	11	11	12	9
TOTAL	120	111	111	103	127

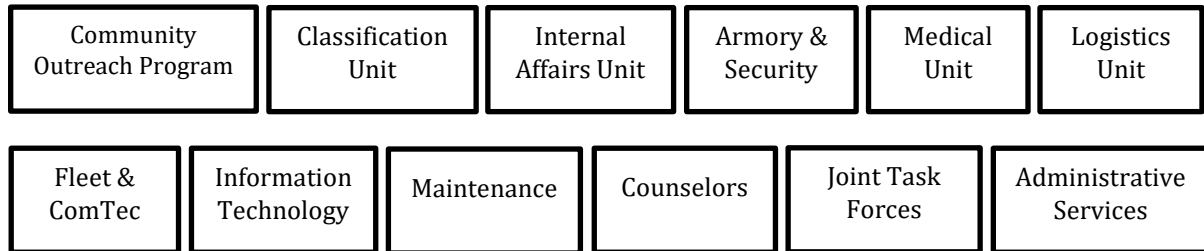
**Based on January of each year*

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

Adult Correctional Operations / Juvenile Unit



Programs, Support Units, and Administration



AVERAGE POPULATION IN CUSTODY PER YEAR (Adult Prisoners & Juvenile Clients)

Average Population in Custody	Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Total		170	185	163	173

**Based on October of each year*



FINANCIAL REPORT

Each year, the Department of Corrections submits a budget request in order to adequately address its deficiencies and provide at best a minimum level of mandated services. Each year, we face challenges to live within the means of budget allocations.

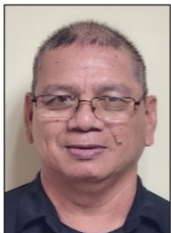
	<u>Department Budget Request</u>	<u>Budget Act</u>
FY2020	\$6,156,878	\$2,458,816
FY2021	\$6,440,986	\$3,164,525
FY2022	\$6,463,180	\$5,828,495
FY2023	\$8,398,403	\$3,728,220
FY2024	\$9,471,641	\$4,356,089

Under the leadership and guidance of Commissioner Anthony Torres, the Department of Corrections has secured other funding from the following sources:

- 1) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program: \$160,000
- 2) SNILD HLB No. 23-24: \$60,000 for Upgrade and Rehabilitation of Juvenile (Manhoben) Justice Care Center
- 3) 285.6KW Solar PV System Installation: \$443,691
- 4) 285.60KW Solar Energy System: \$1,142,400
- 5) FY2020 SCAAP Award: \$218,422

Ongoing Capital Improvement Projects

- 1) Fire Alarm & Sprinkler System: \$500,000
- 2) HVAC System: \$3,000,000
- 3) Surveillance System: \$350,000



Corrections Officer III Candido Aguon Aldan is the recipient of the overall Department of Corrections Employee of the Year for 2022-2023.

ALDAN, CANDIDO
CORRECTIONS OFFICER III

FUTURE OUTLOOK

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To complete ongoing legal review of those affecting the correctional system's 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;
3. Revisit the statutory requirement of the Juvenile Detention Unit with regard to oversight of 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;
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; and,

Other Key Initiatives

1. Staff Recruitment and Retention
2. Building Management System (BMS)
3. Training
4. Health and Medical Services
5. Avoid catastrophic incidents and ensure no escapes

