

## Nevada Department of Corrections

Public Information Office 775-887-3309 PIO Brooke Keast cell: 775-350-0037

## Press Release

For Immediate Release May 24, 2016

The Nevada Department of Corrections Director James Dzurenda unveiled new mission and vision statements designating a change in direction and focus for the department. Where the former statements addressed only safety concerns, the new statements highlight the importance and responsibility of corrections to address rehabilitation efforts.

"Re-entry begins the moment an inmate arrives at our door," states Director Dzurenda. "We have an obligation to provide programs and services that will give inmates the opportunity to improve while in custody. Our goal to lessen victimization in our communities hinges on inmates changing their behavior."

The new mission and vision statements are just the beginning of a needed culture shift in Nevada Corrections.

"We are no longer just a prison system and need to recognize the importance of our role in public safety," Dzurenda said. "The majority of inmates will be released into the communities across the state and with the appropriate resources we can enable them to be successful."

## **Mission Statement**

The Nevada Department of Corrections will improve public safety by ensuring a safe and humane environment that incorporates proven rehabilitation initiatives that prepare individuals for successful reintegration into our communities.

## **Vision Statement**

Reduce victimization and recidivism by providing offenders with incentive for selfimprovement and the tools to effect change.

The Nevada Department of Corrections is committed to protecting the public, the employees and the offenders. NDOC houses nearly 13,500 persons with felony convictions in 18 facilities statewide. For more information on NDOC visit www.doc.nv.gov.