

# DETENTION SERVICES DIVISION

CLARK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kevin McMahon, Sheriff

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# SHERIFF'S MESSAGE



As 2023 comes to a close, I am proud of the progress we've made in the Detention Services Division. But one fact remains: Incarceration is not the answer to homelessness, mental illness, or addiction. With the help of our elected leaders and community advocates, 2023 laid the foundation for programs that specifically address diversion, recidivism, and overdose mitigation.

As we move into 2024, we are looking forward to monitoring the success of our Medically Assisted Treatment (**MAT**) program, which helps those gripped by opioid addiction recover more quickly. In addition, we are partnering with Clark County and the state of Nevada to create a Mental Health Unit that will bring desperately needed services to those who are incarcerated. We are also seeing tremendous success with our DSD CARES program, which continues to reduce recidivism by bringing opportunities for housing, employment, identification documents, and medical insurance inside our facilities. These services help remove barriers, ensuring a smooth return to the community.

The challenges are great, which is why I am especially proud of the people who work in the Detention Services Division. Our employees are our greatest asset. They understand that those in custody made mistakes and should be held accountable but must be treated with dignity. Our commitment to policing with humanity is front and center in the Detention Services Division. Our employees are committed to providing mentoring, programming, and resources that greatly improve outcomes both inside the facility and once incarcerated individuals are released. They do a difficult job with tremendous poise and patience. Our community should be proud of the work they do and the lives they impact. I most certainly am.

# Deputy Chief's Message



Having spent time working Patrol, Investigations, and now Corrections, I understand the critical importance of the Detention Services Division within the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Collaborative efforts between police and corrections officers are the key to achieving our goal of making our community the safest in America.

Over the past year, DSD focused on streamlining the booking process in partnership with the patrol division. A faster booking process freed up patrol officers to return to their areas of assignment, instead of being tied up in booking. Prisoner transport coordination led to a significantly smoother booking process. Our Detention Services Division employees have demonstrated remarkable professionalism and dedication to their work, and their efforts have contributed to successful outcomes at major special events like the Las Vegas Grand Prix Formula 1 race. Thanks to our “One Metro” teamwork, operations have improved for corrections and patrol.

I recognize the unique challenges corrections officers face in the line of duty. We are proud to have partnered with the LVMPD Wellness Bureau to create DSD 360, a program that provides comprehensive support to our corrections officers, addressing gaps that may exist in terms of their mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing.

I am immensely proud of our officers and civilian employees for their unwavering commitment to our facility, department, and community. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in our efforts to make our community the safest in the country.

# 2023 STATISTICS

## 12 Mo Total

**Bookings** **57,573**

Felony 30,213

Gross Misdemeanor 3,992

Misdemeanor 23,368

**Releases** **57,520**

Admin Order 3,801  
1804/2023

**Avg. Daily Population** **2,870**

Sentenced Population Total 8,733

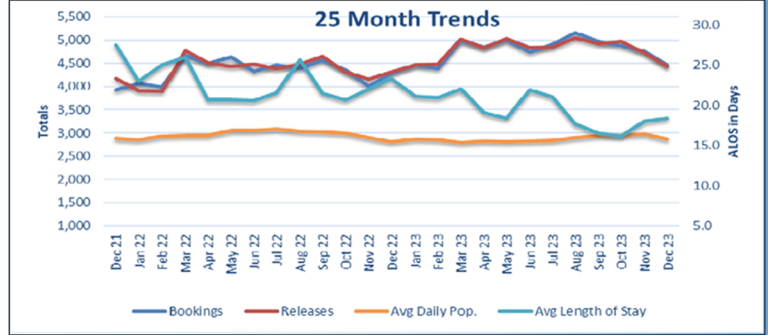
**Pretrial Population Total** **34,439**

Pretrial Felonies 28,323

Pretrial Gross Misdemeanor 1,548

Misdemeanor 4,568

**Avg. Length of Stay (in days)** **19.3**  
HA not included



## December 2023 compared to previous month and December 2022:

Bookings have decreased 6.1% since November 2023 and

Bookings have increased 4.4% compared to the same time last year.

Releases have decreased 6.2% since November 2023 and

Releases have increased 2.8% compared to the same time last year.

The Average Daily Population (ADP) decreased 3.6% compared to November 2023 and The ADP increased 2.6% compared to the same time last year.

The Average Length of Stay (ALOS) increased 0.4 days compared to November 2023 and The ALOS has decreased 4.9 days compared to the same time last year.

## DSD COMMAND STAFF



Captain Brian Fucile, Director Leah Anderson, Captain Neldon Barrowes, Captain Nita Schmidt, Captain Jonathan Clark, Assistant General Counsel Martina Bauhaus, Deputy Chief Fred Haas, Director Elisa Ireland, and Captain Scott Zavsza

**DETENTION SERVICES DIVISION**

**Deputy Chief Fred Haas**



**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BUREAU**

**Director Leah Anderson**

Business Office, Contracts, Kitchen, Laundry,  
Projects Team, Religious Services, and Supply



**CENTRAL BOOKING BUREAU**

**Captain Scott Zavsza**

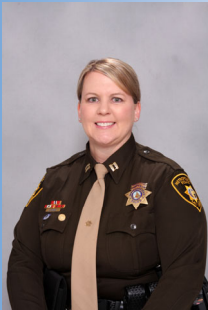
Booking, Property Room, Releasing,  
and Tucker Holding Facility (Laughlin)



**CIVIL CONSTABLE BUREAU**

**Captain Nita Schmidt**

Alternatives to Incarceration, Civil Section,  
Constable's Office, and Field Services Section



**DSD RECORDS BUREAU**

**Director Elisa Ireland**

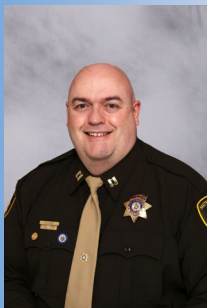
Programs, Population Team, and Records



**NORTH TOWER BUREAU**

**Captain Brian Fucile**

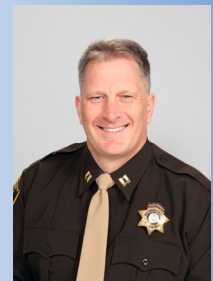
Classification and Detention Gangs/Special  
Investigations



**NORTH VALLEY BUREAU**

**Captain Neldon Barrowes**

Academy Training, Accreditation and Standards,  
Advanced Officers Skills Training, Youthful Offenders



**SOUTH TOWER BUREAU**

**Captain Jonathan Clark**

Administrative Housing, Medical, and Restrictive  
Housing



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Detention Services Division maintains a close connection to community partners in Las Vegas. Over the last year, the team has participated in events to support children and families in need.



## **Fill the Bus Toy Drive**

For the last 10 years, Detention Services Division has partnered with the Clark County School District Police to collect toys at retail locations in Las Vegas. “Fill the Bus” gives DSD the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to our community by ensuring that young CCSD students receive a toy for the holiday season. Over 5,000 toys were collected and donated to at-risk schools in the Las Vegas Valley.

## **Badges and Bows**

Over the last seven years, Detention Services Division has hosted the “Badges and Bows” toy drive event at Las Vegas area retail locations. The two-day event is a collaborative effort with the Nevada Department of Corrections with one purpose: to provide toys, clothing, and essential items for families, children and teens living at St. Jude’s Ranch for children in Boulder City. Last year over \$62,000 in items were collected by volunteers. This is a full-circle event where volunteers collect, sort and ultimately distribute the items in an unforgettable evening spent at the Ranch with the kids.



## **Heroes Helping Heroes**

Las Vegas is home to Nellis Air Force Base with its thousands of military members who call our community home. DSD is proud to have many veterans among its ranks. As a way of saying “Thank You” to the heroes, DSD collects Christmas gifts for selected families. This year DSD collected almost 100 gifts and grocery store gift cards to help our community heroes.



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Maintaining a sufficient blood supply in our community is a constant challenge. DSD hosts an annual blood drive event to help maintain the supply. This year was especially critical due to an unusually low blood supply. DSD staff answered the call by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering.

## **National Night Out**

On National Night Out, the community enjoys the opportunity to meet and interact with law enforcement. Each year DSD partners with LVMPD South Central Area Command for this nationwide event. Commissioned staff and civilian employees spend the evening showing our community the amazing work that we do to keep our community safe.



# DSD 360

In 2023, the Detention Services Division introduced DSD 360, an initiative aimed at enhancing wellness and morale within the DSD facilities. DSD 360 focuses on the well-being of staff and the overall atmosphere of our facilities by fostering employee mental health, family support, team building, and morale.

## Key Initiatives

1. **Mental Health Support:** Regular, confidential counseling sessions and stress management workshops provide staff with essential tools to manage the emotional challenges of their roles.
2. **Physical Fitness Programs:** On-site fitness classes and health screenings improve staff health, energy levels, and job performance.
3. **Team-Building Activities:** Regular team-building and social events foster a sense of community and mutual support, crucial for morale in a challenging work environment.
4. **Morale:** Supportive leadership values the well-being of its members by encouraging transparent and open communication channels, while recognizing and rewarding outstanding performance of individuals and teams.

Last year, DSD 360 hosted events including a Christmas tree decorating contest, Thanksgiving charcuterie boards, golf tournaments, employee appreciation pizza day, a Marshalls/TJMaxx Inc donation event, platoon snack delivery, T-shirt fundraising, and creation of baby bags for new moms.

Sheriff McMahill has emphasized employee wellness and DSD 360 facilitates this priority. Its successful implementation at the detention facilities showcases our commitment to the health and well-being of our staff. This program serves as a model for holistic, proactive wellness initiatives in high-stress work environments, demonstrating the positive impact such programs have on both staff and facility operations.



# INMATE PROGRAMS

DSD is committed to providing excellent service in partnership with the community. This is evident with the extensive variety of programs offered to the inmate population. Here are a few examples:

**Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT).** MRT is a highly intensive cognitive-behavioral treatment strategy designed to help inmates better understand their past behavior and what causes them to reoffend. This step-by-step program is voluntary and aims to improve self-image, instill higher understanding of moral reasoning, and teach better decision making. The result is more appropriate behavior on the part of program participants. In 2023, 114 inmates enrolled in MRT in the Veterans/Re-entry/Hope for Prisoners housing unit.

**Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR).** In September 2022, DSD introduced SOAR to the female inmate population. SOAR's mission is to reduce recidivism by targeting repeat offenders, with a focus on mental health and addiction challenges. It offers 22 classes which are primarily taught by community partners who volunteer their time to assist. SOAR participants attend regular classes and complete weekly assignments. Instructors teach strategies for dealing with trauma and challenge past lifestyle decisions of attendees. This instruction enables students to set and achieve short-term behavior modification goals which will eventually develop into long-term patterns of improved behavior. The goal is to provide graduates with improved behavioral strategies and access to resources they can utilize when released from custody. In 2023, 425 new inmate participants enrolled in the program, with a recidivism rate for this population of 22.6%.

DSD also offers **self-study programming.** During 2023, 24,236 self-study packets were completed by inmates, with 16,493 time-served credits awarded for completing the packets. These credits reduced inmate housing costs by approximately \$3.9 million. Packet topics include: Precontemplation, Anger Management, Substance Abuse, Successful Release, Life skills, Marriage and Family Relationships, Housing and Financial Planning, Problem Solving Scenarios, Coping Skills, and Programs for Women.

**DSD CARES (Connecting Access to Resources for Entering Society).** DSD CARES focuses on individuals who have 60 days or less remaining on their sentence. A wide variety of community partners participate in DSD CARES, which aims to reduce recidivism by providing inmates with the opportunity to develop a plan before they are released from custody. Inmates face numerous challenges from being incarcerated, especially when it lasts more than a month (loss of housing, loss of employment, loss of identification or documents, continuing substance abuse issues, mental health challenges, medical insurance, etc.). In 2023, 1,195 inmates attended DSD CARES events. The recidivism was 16.24% for the people who attended this event and accepted information on services within the community.



# RELIGIOUS SERVICES



The Detention Services Division (DSD) offers a variety of programs and guidance to meet the spiritual needs of inmates during and after their incarceration. To accomplish this, the Religious Services Section provides support, resources, and faith-based education.

Inmates are provided with religious reading materials for a variety of faiths to include Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Catholic, LDS, Jehovah Witness, and several others. Approximately 120 volunteers teach bible study classes and hold religious services. Inmates may also request in-person prayers, religious discussion, and counseling from representatives of various faiths.

The Religious Services Coordinator and two part-time Religious Services Workers oversee the operations of this section. In early 2023, the position of Chaplain was reclassified to Religious Services Coordinator to better reflect the duties of the position and highlight the variety of services that the section has to offer. Russell Donaldson joined LVMPD in September 2023 when he was appointed as the Religious Services Coordinator. Russell brings extensive religious and educational experience to the section. In addition to the tasks already named, Russell coordinates many other religious services, including event coordination, funeral arrangements, grief counseling and officiating.

The Religious Services Section's focus is on the wellbeing of the inmates as well as DSD staff. The Religious Services team provides critical emotional support for those in our facility who are struggling the most.

# MAJOR EVENTS



Detention Services Division completed over 140,000 inmate transports in 2023. This included moving inmates to court, to outside appointments, or from facility to facility. This year, Las Vegas hosted a number of high-profile events including:

- Electric Daisy Carnival
- Formula One
- New Year's Eve
- DUI Blitzes
- Culinary Protests
- Las Vegas Aces Championship Parade
- Vegas Golden Knights Championship Parade

Each event presented LVMPD with unique challenges and DSD assisted by providing on-scene support. The Field Services Section organized staffing and vehicle support, while the on-duty supervisors handled resource allocation during the events. Each event brought increased demands in the form of arrestee transportation and increased arrest numbers. Supervisors managed available staff, to ensure that DSD facilities continued to operate efficiently during these challenging situations.

DSD's commitment to public safety was crucial in managing the unique challenges of each major event. Through collaborative efforts with patrol and strategic resource allocation, DSD contributed to the safe and successful execution of these events.

# SOUTH TOWER RENOVATION

Located in downtown Las Vegas, the South Tower of the Clark County Detention Center is approximately 365,000 square feet with six floors and a basement. It was opened in 2002 and has been in operation at full capacity ever since. The South Tower contains 25 housing modules, some of which have individual cells and the others are arranged in an open dorm style with common areas and can house 1400+ inmates.

Planning for the renovation of the South Tower began in 2022. On January 8, 2024, construction was officially underway. The project will be extensive and will continue over the coming four years.

Renovation will include:

- Plumbing overhaul
- Fire sprinkler replacement
- HVAC upgrades, including two new chiller units
- Replacement of six elevators
- Redesign of the housing unit showers and restroom fixtures
- To provide additional security and enhance safety, the camera monitoring system will replace and upgrade 325 existing cameras, while adding an additional 144
- The final phase will include resurfacing of floors, replacement of ceilings, and new paint

Throughout the renovation, there will be no interruptions to the day-to-day operations of the detention center. The Classification Section will oversee inmate relocation efforts. The systematic displacement of inmates to unaffected areas of the facility will allow the South Tower to continue to function in a partial capacity. At the conclusion of the renovation, the South Tower will be a safer and more secure facility for inmates and staff.



## VISION

To be the safest jail in America.

## VALUES

**I**ntegrity

**C**ourage

**A**ccountability

**R**espect

**E**xcellence

The acronym **I CARE** is the guiding principle for every employee.

## MISSION

The mission of the Detention Services Division is to set the standard for American jails, through leadership and excellent service, while focusing on the safety of the community, staff members, and inmates.



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