



Iowa Board of Parole

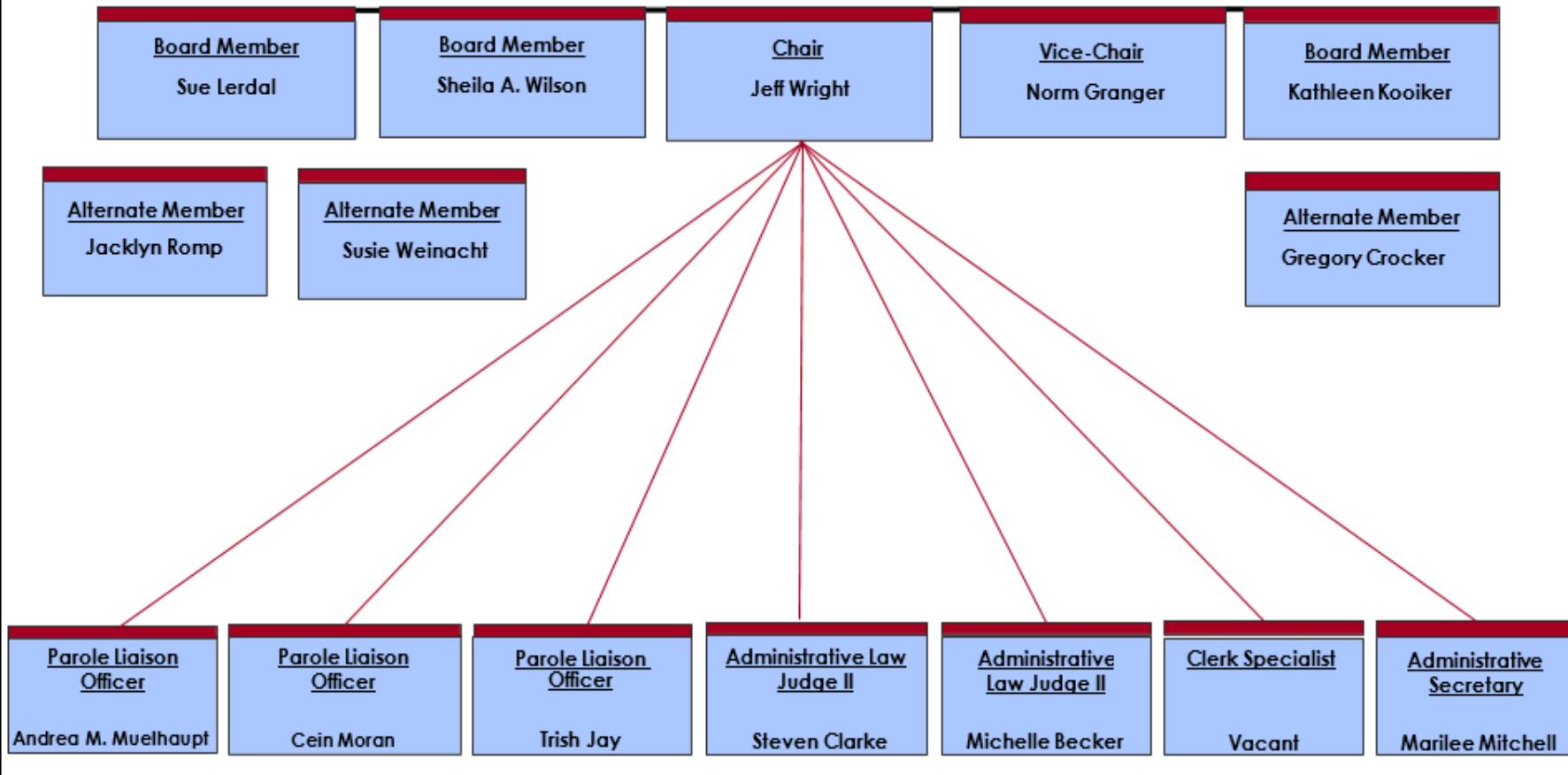
Joint Meeting of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee

FY 2020 Budget Request

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Iowa Board of Parole Organizational Chart



Iowa Board of Parole Mission

To enhance overall public safety by making evidence-based and informed parole decisions for the successful reentry of offenders into the community to become productive and responsible citizens.

- Utilize evidence based practices in the decision making process
- Promote release at the appropriate time and level
- Foster a deliberation system that respect the interest of the public, victims, and offenders

Smart Decision Making

Efficiency

- Be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Iowa
- Be vigilant in the acquisition of knowledge and process improvement

- Enhance a collaborative working relationship with stakeholders in the criminal justice system
- Become a nationally recognized leader among paroling authorities

Collaboration

Smart Decision Making

Continue to increase the use of evidence based practices in decision making process to promote releases at the appropriate time.

Efficiency

Utilization of technology to increase workload capacity and accuracy within the allotted financial resources and be fiscally responsible to the tax payers of Iowa.

Release Deliberations	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Case Reviews	11,059	11,160	11,828	12,134
Interviews	312	302	392	365
Total Deliberations	11,371	11,468	12,220	12,499
Release Decisions	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Paroles Granted	3,306	3,767	4,073	3,954
Work Releases Granted	1,411	1,611	1,872	1,722
Special Sentences Granted (903B)*	462	470	447	555
Deny Release	4,509	4,201	4,453	4,694

*Commencement of a Special Sentence is non-discretionary. Iowa Code Chapter 903B mandates the special parole supervision sentence begin at the discharge of a qualifying sex offense.

Collaboration

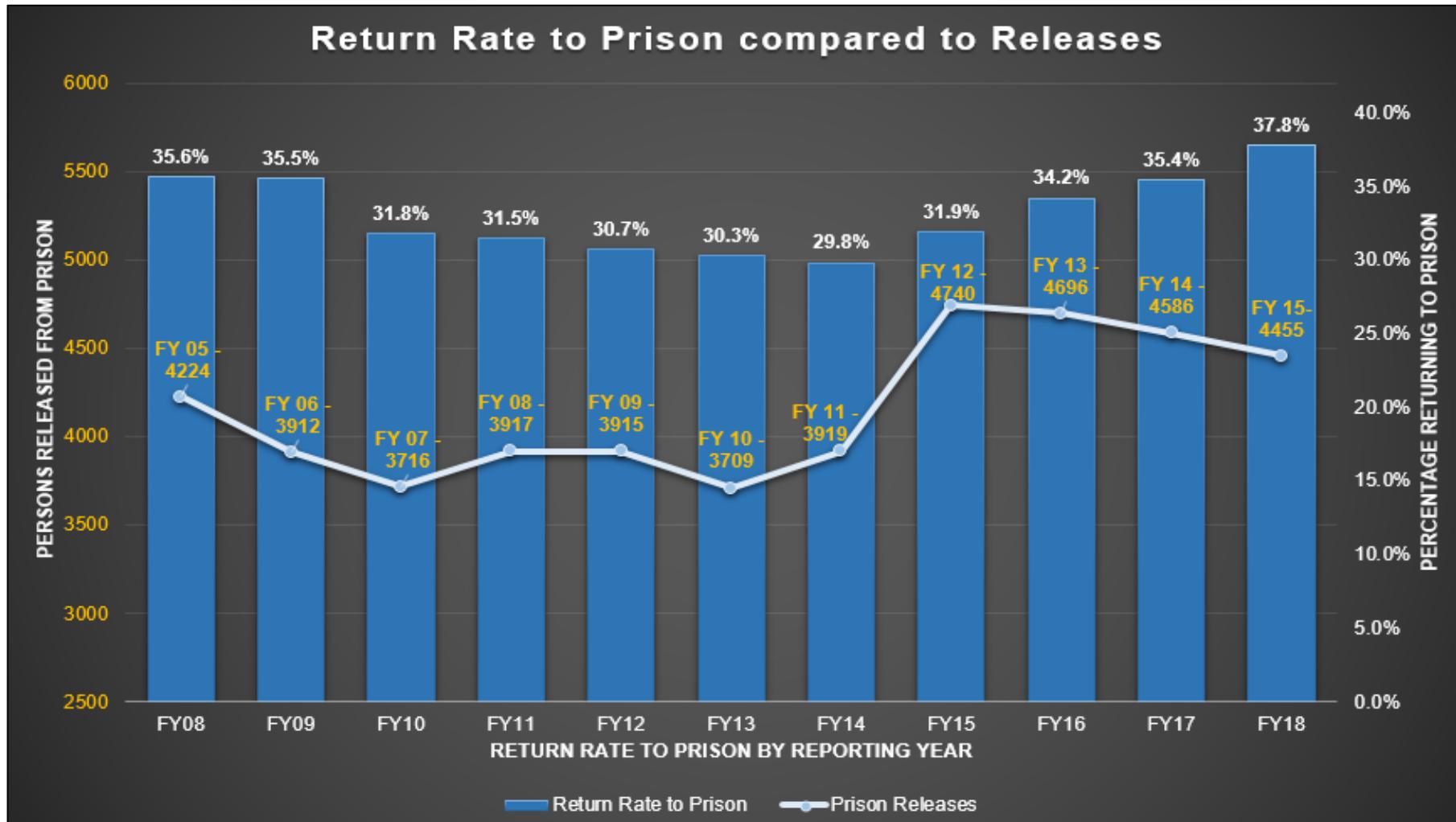
Fostering collaborative working relationships with the Department of Corrections and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system

- Open communication increases efficiency at all stages of the release decision making process
- Elimination of redundant processes results in greater fiscal responsibility
- Collaboration across disciplines results in enhanced offender reentry planning and more comprehensive reviews

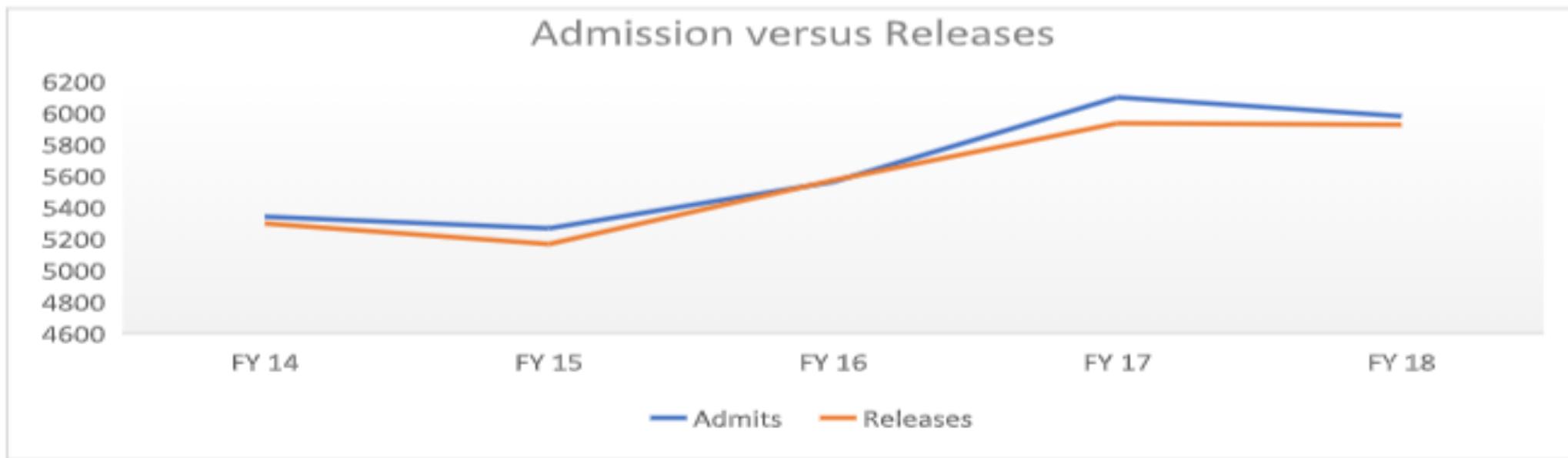
Collaboration Highlight-Iowa Partners in Efficiency Award

2016 Lean Project	2017 Update	2018 Update
Develop a streamlined, statewide, standardized efficient process	Statewide policy created and implemented in all districts	Iowa Lean Consortium honors Iowa Department of Corrections The Iowa Lean Consortium (ILC) presented the Iowa Partners in Efficiency award to the Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) Parole Revocation Team at its annual conference in West Des Moines on Wednesday, celebrating improved service delivery in Iowa's government. The award was created to recognize a team or work unit within a not-for-profit that, through the use of Lean tools and techniques, significantly and measurably increases productivity and promotes innovation, thereby leading to the improvement of the way services are delivered to the citizens, businesses and industries of Iowa.
Reduce average stay in jail prior to hearing	Reduced average stay in jail from 40 days to 24 days	
Decrease cost of county confinement to meet yearly appropriation with 20% reduction in FY17	41% reduction in FY 17 of confinement cases from FY 16!	

Recidivism



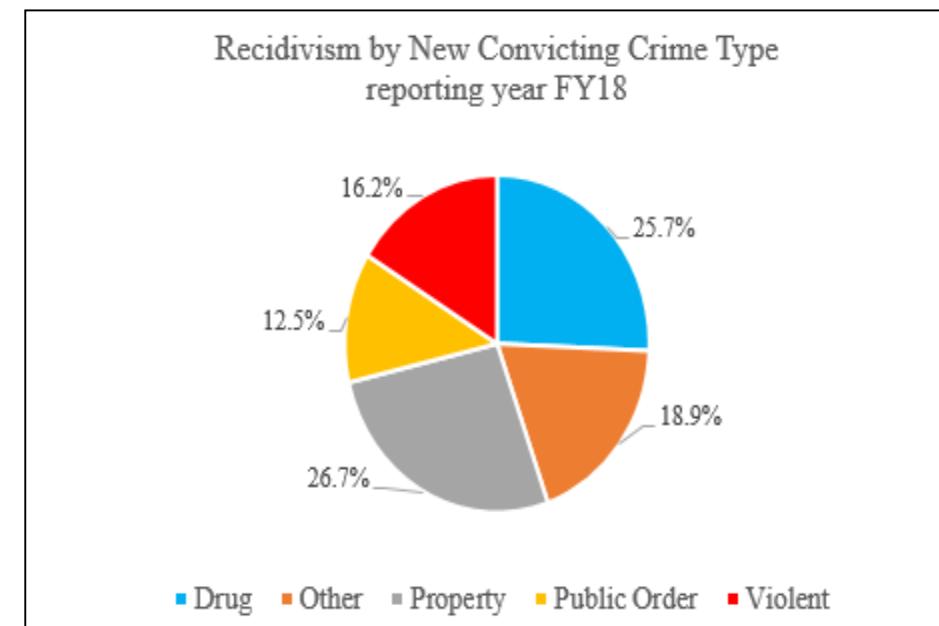
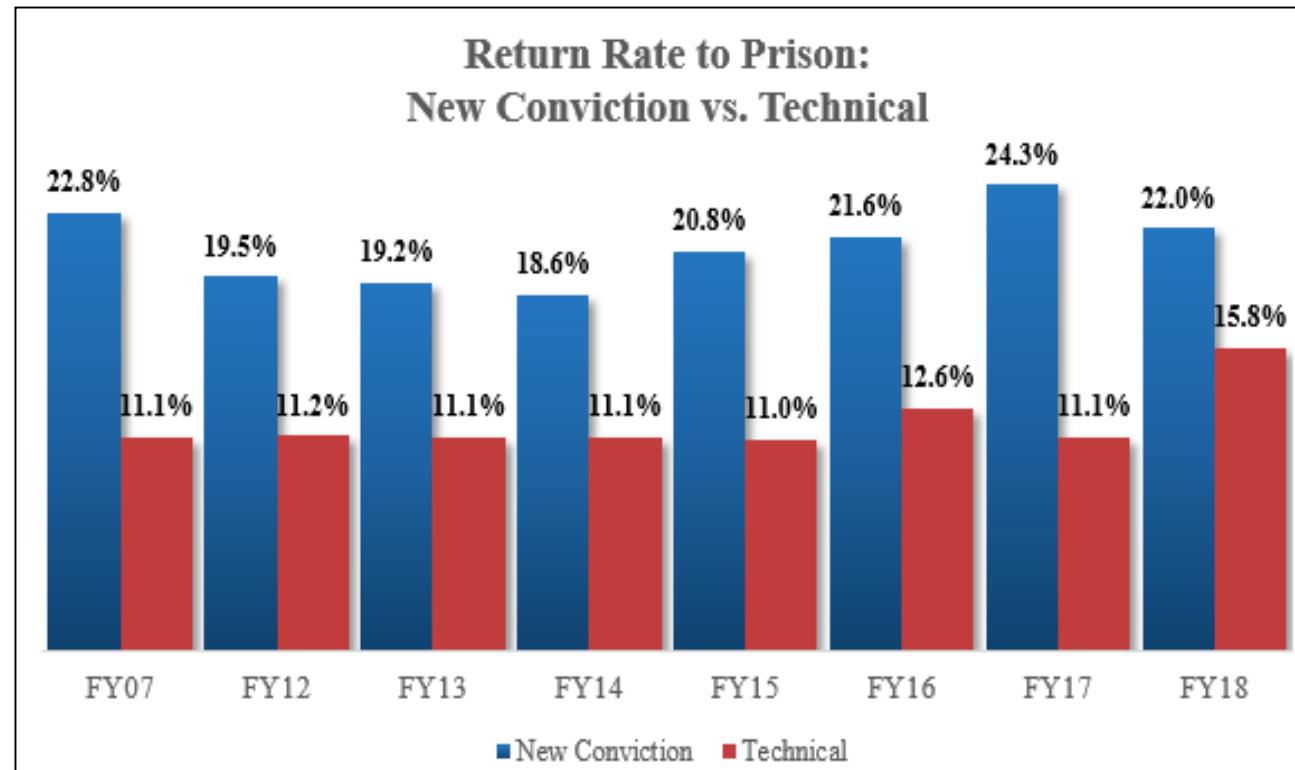
Recidivism



Interpretation: Over the past five years, IDOC has consistently had more admits than releases except for FY 16. Increases of admits over releases can cause a cumulative effect over time by increasing the prison population. Between FY 16 and FY 17, there was an increase in prison admissions, although these increases were largely for lower-level felony and misdemeanor admissions. In FY 18, there was a slight decrease in prison admission, but an increase in returns.

Recidivism by Reason for Return (New Conviction vs. Technical)

This section demonstrates the reason for recidivism in a given fiscal year. The data for FY18 (individuals released in FY15) shows a 2.3% drop in recidivism for those with a new conviction compared to FY17. Revocations due to technical violations increased by 4.7% since reporting year FY17.



Parole Revocations

A total of 1,863 paroles were revoked in FY18. This number includes sex offenders who are subject to special sentence supervision pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 903B.

Parole Revocation Statistics FY 2018	
Total Parole Revocation Decisions	3,068
Total Paroles Revoked	1,863
Discretionary Revocations	1,563
Automatic Revocations	300

Victim Services

The Board recognizes the special place that victims occupy as unwilling participants in our criminal justice system. Victims can provide crucial insight into the crimes committed against them by individuals that the Board considers for discretionary release.

Recognizing the status held by victims within our criminal justice system and the unparalleled insight such individuals can provide, the Board established its first program for victim participation in 1986. As part of this program the position of Victim Coordinator was added to the Board's staff. Today, the Victim Coordinator's primary responsibility is to assist victims who want to exercise the following rights established by the Iowa Victim Rights Act, Iowa Code Chapter 915:

- Notify victims of violent crimes, not less than twenty days prior to the Board conducting a hearing at which the offender will be interviewed, and inform the victim that they may submit their opinion concerning the release of the offender in writing prior to the hearing or may appear personally or by counsel at the hearing to express an opinion concerning the offender's release.
- Notify the victim, whether or not the victim appears at the hearing or expresses an opinion, of the Board's decision regarding release of the offender.

Victim Services

Victim Registration Statistics	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Registered Victims at Yearend	5,248	5,823	6,067
Registration Letters	1,778	2,873	1,700
Interview Letters	487	598	538
Decision Letters	2,323	3,160	3,117

What the Future Holds

- ▶ **Become a nationally-recognized leader among paroling authorities**
 - Iowa Board of Parole has been selected to present at the Association of Paroling Authorities International annual conference.
- ▶ **Development of ICON Commutation and Clemency Module**
 - Will allow digital submission, management, transmission, and storage of applications
- ▶ **Digitization of existing paper offender files**
 - Approximately 11,300 files must still be digitized and entered into ICON
 - Digitization will increase efficiency and ultimately reduced storage burden

Budget Request

	FY2018 Actual	FY2019 Estimate	FY2020 Department Request
Appropriations			
General Fund			
Board of Parole	1,191,731	1,221,374	1,221,374
Total General Fund	1,191,731	1,221,374	1,221,374
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 FTEs	 8.98	 10.50	 10.50
 Technology Reinvestment Fund			
IBOP Technology Projects	0	50,000	-
 Total TRF Appropriations	 0	 50,000	 0

**Thank you for your
continued support of
the Iowa Board of
Parole!**