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Adult Probation & Parole Responds to Legislative Audit

DRAPER -- Leaders from the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) appeared Tuesday before the Legislative Audit Subcommittee to respond to a performance audit of the Division of Adult Probation & Parole (AP&P) and a limited review of coordination between public safety entities. The UDC agrees with the conclusions of the legislative audit team and expressed appreciation for their time and efforts toward strengthening AP&P's role in enhancing public safety.

"We appreciate that legislative auditors took the time to understand the complexities of being an Adult Probation and Parole agent," said UDC Executive Director Brian Nielson. "We view this analysis as an opportunity to better equip agents with the tools needed to effectively improve public safety and promote positive change in the individuals with whom we work."

Director of Adult Probation & Parole, Dan Blanchard, said his division is committed to incorporating the auditors' recommendations into its daily practices, and efforts are already well underway toward this end. He noted that the work will strengthen public safety across the state through collaboration with community partners and stakeholders in the criminal justice system.

"Our correctional officers and agents have some of the most challenging – and rewarding – jobs in this profession," added Blanchard. "This audit brings to light just a few of the difficult aspects of their work, and it gives us as a state the unique opportunity to better appreciate their tireless efforts."

The Division of Adult Probation & Parole employs 342 agents across the state and is responsible for the daily supervision of approximately 15,000 individuals on probation or parole supervision. More than 5,500 additional individuals are in the Department of Corrections' custody through its Division of Prison Operations.

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