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# Parole Division Director Stuart Jenkins announces retirement

**L**ongtime Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole Division administrator and current director Stuart Jenkins has announced his retirement effective August 31.

Jenkins has 34 years' experience in the field of criminal justice, having started his career with TDCJ in 1982 as a district parole officer in Houston. He has served in various management positions over the years, including regional director, section director and deputy director for Support Operations. He was named the Parole Division Director in 2007, where he oversaw operations of the second largest parole supervision authority in the United States, which includes 67 district parole offices across the state, supervision of more than 87,000 offenders released to parole and mandatory supervision, and the management of approximately 2,300 employees.



Stuart Jenkins

During his leadership tenure, programs and services were implemented that helped lead to a significant reduction in offender recidivism and parole revocations, the Parole Division received full accreditation from the American Corrections Association, parole officers received multiple pay raises from the Texas Legislature, parole officers began using

the new Texas Risk Assessment System, and the number of halfway house beds increased, improving the chances for successful reintegration of offenders about to be released into the community.

Jenkins holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Stephen F. Austin State University. He is a past president for the Texas Corrections Association, and received the Dr. George J. Beto Hall of Honor award from the TCA in 2015. He is also a current member of the American Corrections Association and the American Probation and Parole Association.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Brad Livingston commented on the impact Jenkins has made during his career saying, "Stuart has provided exceptional leadership to the agency during his tenure. His commitment and dedication to our agency will have a positive lasting impact." ●