

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) has strengthened public safety by hiring additional Correctional Officers, obtaining funds to strengthen security at maximum security units, and removing inmate access to potentially dangerous personal items. MDOC has broadened the Intensive Supervision program into all circuit court districts and created a voice for victims of crime.

MDOC remains in compliance with inmate overcrowding in county jails. This accomplishment has not gone unnoticed.

In June 2000, U.S. District Judge Jerry Davis fined the state \$1.8 million dollars for non-compliance. Since August 2000, MDOC has ensured that county jails were not overcrowded and \$500,000 was returned to the state as of January 2001.

On March 29, 2001 Judge Davis ordered the remaining \$1.3 million dollars be returned due to continued compliance on the part of MDOC and actions taken by MDOC, the Mississippi Legislature, Attorney General, and Governor to address prison overcrowding.