

October 20, 2025 – Corrections Commissioner Shawn Jenkins & Our State Prisons



Commissioner Jenkins will talk about some of the accomplishments of the DOC in recent years, some of the challenges he faces and controversies he deals with, as well as his hopes and plans for the future.

Commissioner Shawn Jenkins



Prior to joining the Department of Correction, Commissioner Jenkins served as the Special Sheriff with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office for approximately eight years. He also served as Special Sheriff with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office for nearly four years. In both roles as Special Sheriff, he oversaw all aspects of facility operations. Before joining the Sheriff's Offices, Shawn worked in different roles within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, including a five-year appointment to the Sex Offender Registry Board. In each of his roles, the Commissioner has been known for his progressive, innovative ideas.

Commissioner Jenkins obtained a B.A. in Government from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.