

Robert Patton

Robert Patton began his career in corrections in Arizona in July 1985 as a Correctional Officer at the State Prison in Fort Grant. In 1989, he promoted to Correctional Sergeant, continuing to promote progressively through the security series, working every custody level, at several complexes. In September 2000, he was promoted to Associate Deputy Warden and in 2002 was promoted to Deputy Warden in Safford. In April 2004, Mr. Patton was appointed as the Deputy Warden of Operations at ASPC-Lewis and in October 2004 was appointed as the Warden at ASPC-Douglas.

Mr. Patton retired as the Warden at Douglas and moved to Nebraska to become the Director of Corrections in Douglas County. He was responsible for a 1200-bed correctional facility, Community Corrections, day reporting and work releases.

He returned to the Arizona Department of Corrections in 2006 in the capacity of a Security Administrator in Security Operations. He was appointed as the Security Operations Administrator in 2007 and in 2009, he was appointed as the Division Director of Operations. In that assignment he oversaw 10 public prison complexes (51 prison units), 6 private prisons, Community Corrections and Offender Services. He was responsible for 41,000 inmates and 10,000 staff.

Robert Patton was named as Director of Corrections on January 17, 2014, by the Oklahoma Board of Corrections. The Director is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the agency, employing approximately 3,937 personnel to provide custody and control of over 25,000 offenders being held in state facilities, private prisons, and community corrections, as well as management of over 24,000 offenders under probation and parole supervision.

Mr. Patton earned his Bachelors of Science in Correctional Administration from Wayland Baptist University in September 2004 and his Masters in Public Administration at Northern Arizona University in 2009.