



**FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-CS65 DOC (PAROLE) TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS UNIT**

**Status:** Implementation Complete

**Actions/Updates**

**2011 UPDATE**

Officials from the Department of Corrections implemented the Colorado Violations Decision Making Process (CVDMP). This instrument provides officers with guidelines to address violations based on the severity of the violation and risk level of the offender. Supervisors within the Parole Division must approve the decision to bring parolees to the Parole Board for a revocation hearing. This, in effect, accomplishes the goal of the recommendation.

No further action on this recommendation.

**2010 UPDATE**

Officials from the Department of Corrections report that it requested a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to create a technical parole violations unit but the grant was not awarded. To develop consistency regarding the response to violations, the Division has begun to develop a Colorado Violations Decision Making Process (CVDMP). This instrument will provide officers with guidelines to address violations based on the severity of the violation and risk level of the offender.

**2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION**

The Department of Corrections submitted a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application in February 2009 to develop a Technical Violations Unit. Implementation of a Technical Violations Unit is dependent on funding from this grant program.

**2009 IMPACT**

The grant application included funding to evaluate the impact of the Technical Violations Unit.

**2009 BARRIER**

If the grant is not funded, no plans are in place to pursue the Technical Violation Unit.

**Description**

The Commission supports the Department of Corrections' effort to establish a technical violations unit with the goal of enhancing consistency, preserving public safety, and reducing parole revocations for technical violations.

### **Agencies Responsible**

Department of Corrections

### **Discussion**

*Implementation of this recommendation is dependent upon funding of a grant application.  
Implementation of this recommendation is consistent with the Commission's statutory mandate "to investigate effective alternatives to incarceration [and] the factors contributing to recidivism..." [C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(2)(b)].*