

Arming of Probation and Parole Officers

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(States noted with * have been updated for 2005/2006. See complete description on-line at

<http://www.appa-net.org/information%20clearing%20house/survey.htm>)

Yellow highlights are for states that have not responded

	Probation		Parole	
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile
Alabama*	Y	N	Y	N
Alaska*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
American Samoa	-	-	-	-
Arizona*	Y ¹	Y ¹	Y ¹	N
Arkansas*	Y ²	N	Y ²	N
California*	Y ³	Y ³	Y ²	Y ²
Colorado*	N	N	Y ²	N
Connecticut*	N	N	Y	N
Delaware*	Y ²	Y ⁴	Y ²	Y ⁴
District of Columbia*	N	N	N	N
Florida*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
Georgia*	Y ²	N	Y ²	N
Guam* (probation only)	Y ²	Y ²	--	--
Hawaii*	N	N	N	N
Idaho*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
Illinois* (parole only)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Indiana*	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ¹	Y ¹
Iowa*	Y	N	Y	N
Kansas*	N	N	Y ³	N
Kentucky*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
Louisiana*	Y ²	Y	Y ²	Y
Maine	Y	N	Y	N
Maryland	N	N	N	N
Massachusetts	N	N	N	N
Michigan	Y	N	Y	N
Minnesota*	N	N	N	N
Mississippi*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N

¹ Optional

² Mandatory

³ Based on job specifications

⁴ Only for those supervising serious juvenile offenders

⁵ Based on county

	Probation		Parole	
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile
Missouri*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
Montana*	Y	N	Y	N
Nebraska*	N	N	N	N
Nevada* (adult only)	Y ²	Y ⁵	Y ²	N
New Hampshire*	Y ²	N	Y ²	N
New Jersey*	N	N	Y ²	--
New Mexico*	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
New York* (probation only)	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ²	N
North Carolina*	Y ³	N	Y ³	N
North Dakota	Y ²	N	Y ²	N
Northern Mariana Islands	--	--	--	--
Ohio*	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ²	N
Oklahoma* (adult p/p only)	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	N
Oregon	Y ⁵	N	Y ⁵	N
Pennsylvania	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵
Puerto Rico	--	--	--	--
Rhode Island	N	N	N	N
South Carolina* (juvenile p/p only)	Y	N	Y	N
South Dakota*	N	N	Y	N
Tennessee	N	N	N	N
Texas	Y ⁵	N	Y	N
Utah*	Y ²	N	Y ²	N
Vermont*	N	N	N	N
Virgin Islands	N	N	N	N
Virginia (adult only)*	Y	Y	Y	Y ⁶
Washington*	Y ³	N	Y ³	N
West Virginia*	Y ¹	Y ¹	Y ⁷	Y ¹
Wisconsin	N	N	N	N
Wyoming (adult only)*	N	N	N	N

¹ Optional (Exception-arming mandatory in OK in execution of felony arrest)

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⁶ Subject to judicial authorization

⁷ Intensive supervision and absconder program officers only