OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division RREC Report: September 2017

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 487 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in September 2017. An additional 40 offenders, earned and subsequently forfeited all of the RREC they had earned.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from 1 to 663 days. The average discharged offender was awarded 80 days. 292 or 60% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less.
- Discharges, both RREC related and otherwise are shrinking. Last year 11% more offenders discharged from the DOC.
- The 487 offenders who discharged in September with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 72 controlling offenses associated with these discharges. The offenses and frequencies are listed in Table 2.

This report builds on the initial summary report published In February 2016 by this office. That report is available at the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/ RREC REPORT SUMMARY.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	% Change	
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Sept	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	720	686	685	663	744	-3%	-11%
With Awarded RREC	565	500	495	487	531	-2%	-8%
Forfeited All Earned RREC	20	31	24	40	32		

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TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded

RREC: September 2017

Controlling		Controlling		Controlling	Controlling			
offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency			
53A032	128	53A222A	4	53A172	1			
21A277A	37	54-076B	3	53A167C	1			
14-227A	20	14-215C	3	53A151A	1			
53A103	20	53A64BB	3	53A139	1			
53A223*	17	53A071	3	53A130	1			
53A124	15	29-038	3	53A129D	1			
53A060	14	53A101	3	53A102	1			
53A061	13	53A136	3	53A128	1			
53A134	13	53A116	3	53A056	1			
53A048	13	14-224	3	53A117	1			
21A279A	11	53A070	2	53A113	1			
53A125B	10	53A060D	2	53A106	1			
21A277B	9	21A278B	2	14-215	1			
53A173	9	53A181	2	53A092	1			
53-021	8	53A063	2	53A072A	1			
53A059	8	53A217	2	53A060B	1			
53A135	7	53A073A	2	53A059A	1			
53A062	7	29-035A	2	53A128C	1			
53A049	7	53-395	2					
53A122	7	SPECPAR	2					
53A123	6	53A008	1					
53A169	5	53-021*	1					
53A182	5	21A279B	1					
53A107	5	53A055	1					
53A125	4	51-033A	1					
53A217C	4	53A119B	1					
53A167A	4	53A64CC	1					
53A223A	4	53A217B	1	TOTAL	487			

Releases and discharges: In CT DOC parlance, a "discharge" occurs when an offender is no longer in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction. A "release" has an entirely different meaning. Prisoners are discharged at the end of their sentences. Prisoners in a community supervision program, like parole or transitional supervision, for example, have been released from a prison facility but they remain under the custody of the DOC until they "discharge" at the conclusion of their sentences. RREC is only applied toward a prisoner's eventual **discharge** date.

Awarded RREC: This analysis does not account for forfeited or revoked credits. The Commissioner has the ability to revoke credits for a variety of reasons and frequently exercises that authority. The total credits earned by an individual offender may have been more than what was ultimately awarded. In addition, some of the credits may have been earned after release but before discharge. The only way to determine whether RREC had any impact on a **release** must be done on a case-by-case basis.