

# CRIM Career Connection

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### ***A Typical Day***

With having a state vehicle you take home and only be required to report into the office one day out of the week, a typical day begins as soon as you leave the house.

You have a caseload of parolees who you're required to check in with a certain number of times per month. During the day you will typically be visiting them at home or work discussing how things are going, also you may give a urinalysis to check for drug use.

You will also go to the houses that parolees wish to live in upon their release. Discuss with home providers the conditions of parole and ensure the house is suitable for a parolee.

### ***The Most Important Things I learned in the Field***

Parole is the conditional release of an inmate from incarceration to serve the remainder of their sentence under supervision within the community.

I never understood how unique this career is until I experienced it first hand. You get to physically be apart many different aspects of the criminal justice system. There aren't many jobs where you get to be the law enforcement officer, corrections officer, attorney, and

social worker all at once.

In regard to corrections there is a major emphasis on the rehabilitation and the successful reentry of offenders.

### ***My Advice to Future Students***

Remember this is a learning opportunity for you; I encourage you to ask any questions you may have. I am a curious person by nature so I tend to ask a lot of questions as it is but I found this to be the key to my success throughout my internship. In a professional setting this shows enthusiasm and interest where more in-depth and personal conversations can be formed.

### ***The Highlight of my Experience***

I was in the field on a routine visit with an agent when a young parolee reported having conflict within their home. He wanted to get out but needed help finding a new place to live. The agent wanted a place where the young offender had a chance at being successful. We found a stable, supportive community house and approached the owner who said they were full. After some discussion and meeting with the individual, the owner physically made space for the young man to live. The agent and I went back to the original residence to assist packing their belongings and transported them to their new home.