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**Col. David Parrish (Ret.)**  
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David Parrish began his law enforcement career in 1974 as a captain with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department in Florida. He rose rapidly through the ranks and became Jail Director of the Department of Detention Services. During his 27 years as Jail Director, he implemented practices such as direct supervision, which allowed deputies to oversee inmates more effectively and led to fewer escape attempts, assaults, and vandalism.

In 2008, Parrish retired from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and now consults on jail design and construction. He holds a B.A. in history from Pennsylvania State College, a M.A. in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University, and an honorary doctorate in humanities from Central Methodist College. He was the recipient of the E.R. Cass Award by the American Correctional Association, the highest recognition given by the organization.

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