

Mark S. Inch was appointed the Secretary of Corrections for the State of Florida by Governor Ron DeSantis in January 2019. The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is the third largest state prison system in the country with a budget of \$2.7 billion, approximately 96,000 inmates incarcerated and nearly 166,000 offenders on active community supervision. FDC employs 24,000 members statewide, with more than 80% of staff certified as correctional officers or probation officers.

Major General (Ret) Inch previously served as the 15th Provost Marshal General of the Army, Commanding General (CG) of the Criminal Investigation Command (CID) and Army Corrections Command, and Executive Manager of the Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency. Serving as a Military Police Officer for 35 years, he held other key positions including: CG, Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 in Afghanistan, where he was responsible for Detainee Operations and Rule of Law Development within the Afghan Security Sector; Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment/Commandant, U.S. Army Military Police School in Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Chief of Staff, Task Force 134 (Detainee Operations) in Iraq; Commandant, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and Deputy Provost Marshal, United Nations Operation in Somalia.

Following his military career and prior to joining the FDC, Secretary Inch served as the ninth Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 2017-2018. Director Inch oversaw the operation of 122 Bureau of Prisons' facilities with oversight of approximately 39,000 staff and 186,000 offenders.

In 1982, Secretary Inch received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Archaeology from Wheaton College, IL and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. In 2002, a Master of Arts in Geography (focus in Middle East/Africa) from the University of Texas at Austin, and in 2005, a Master of Military Arts and Science in Military Operational Art and Science Studies from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He completed professional certification with the American Correctional Association and was the first association member to earn the Certified Corrections Executive designation with Honor. He also received the American Correctional Association's highest honor, the E.R. Cass Award for lifetime achievement in Corrections.