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DIRECTOR'S  
NEWS UPDATE



## 2012 Officers of the Year Announced

I take great pleasure in announcing the 2012 Officers of the Year. Each of these individuals represents all the dedication, hard work and commitment it takes to be the best in our profession. They serve not only as examples of excellence within their community but also as role models. Please join me in extending appreciation and congratulations to them.

### *Correctional Officer of the Year*

**James A. Kroth,**  
**Correctional Security Officer IV**  
**Classification & Population, Central Transportation Unit, Field Operations Division**

Sergeant Kroth is a graduate of Wanette High School. He also attended Southwest Tech, and Mid-America Vo-Tech. In October of 1987, he was hired by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (LARC) and worked until January 31, 1993. He then reinstated to the Department on September 1, 1994, and has been at LARC since then.

Sergeant Kroth modified the Offender Management System's Transportation Movement Program, and in the past year, he completely updated the program making it more compatible and much easier to use. It is currently being used at 72 facilities. He also took on the challenge of remodeling the Lexington/CTU armory, making it a better system for accountability and efficiency with the security equipment.

Sergeant Kroth is well respected by his co-workers, supervisors, and the offenders. He can be relied upon to handle any given task and does his job with a high degree of professionalism, which in turn provides him a great deal of personal satisfaction. He is a CLEET-certified officer and is also a certified Basic CLEET instructor.

### *Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year*

**James A. Nall,**  
**Correctional Security Manager I**  
**James Crabtree Correctional Center,**  
**Field Operations Division**

Lieutenant Nall began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1998 at James Crabtree Correctional Center. He is a graduate of Cherokee High School and attended college courses at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Lieutenant Nall designed a PowerPoint presentation documenting quarterly interdiction and misconduct

data which is now being used in all facilities and units. He was also instrumental in the creation and development of the Bridge Project, a program wherein offenders create blankets and wooden toys for donation to various community groups such as Toys for Tots and local nursing homes. This program received several Governor's Commendations and special awards during the 2005 Quality Team Day at the Capitol.

Lieutenant Nall is a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Woods County. He is a well-respected member of the community as well as at the James Crabtree Correctional Center. His leadership during his tenure as the President and Vice President of the Northwest Oklahoma Law Enforcement Association proved to other law enforcement groups that the Department of Corrections is staffed with highly respectable, dependable and professional employees.

### ***Probation and Parole Officer of the Year***

#### **Sandy L. Hadley, Probation & Parole Officer III**

#### **Northeast District Community Corrections - Nowata Sub-Office, Community Corrections Division**

Sandy L. Hadley received her Bachelor's degree in 1993 from Bartlesville Wesleyan University. She began her career with the State of Oklahoma at the Office of Juvenile Affairs in 1993 as a Juvenile Justice Specialist. In 2000, Ms. Hadley transferred to the Department of Corrections as Probation and Parole Officer. During her time as a PPO, Ms. Hadley has been instrumental in maintaining counseling and treatment resources, serving at various times as an Acting Team Supervisor in addition to maintaining her regular caseload, and assisting with the training and mentoring of new officers. Ms. Hadley supervises Nowata County offenders in a single person office while assisting others within her district when needed. She is well respected by local law enforcement entities and courts.

Ms. Hadley has served on various boards through the years to include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Systems of Care, Crime Stoppers, Bartlesville Police Reserves, Nowata Sheriff Office Reserves and the Victim Impact Panel.