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2013 Officers of the Year Announced

I take great pleasure in announcing the 2013 Officers of the Year. Each of these individuals represents all the dedication, hard work and commitment that 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

**Angelica Padilla,
Correctional Security Officer IV
Oklahoma State Reformatory,
Field Operations Division**

Sergeant Padilla began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 2008 at the Oklahoma State Reformatory. She is a graduate of Hobart High School and attended courses at Western Technology Center.

Sergeant Padilla demonstrates her dedication and commitment to the agency by assuming additional responsibilities for training new officers and has developed variances in teaching methods that allow her to provide guidance and development for new officers. Sergeant Padilla has served as a member of the DOC Honor Guard.

Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year

**Butch Davis,
Correctional Security Manager I
Hobart Community Work Center,
Southwest District Community Corrections**

Lieutenant Davis began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1998 at the Oklahoma State Reformatory. He is a graduate of Hobart High School

Lieutenant Davis has volunteered his time at Hobart Community Work Center to assist with the design and installation of their new camera system. He also designed a system to improve processing of volunteer/visitor paperwork.

Lieutenant Davis has presented proposals to local community leaders that have resulted in improvements to the facility.

Probation and Parole Officer of the Year

Tamika L. Ross, Probation & Parole Officer III Tulsa County District Community Corrections

Tamika L. Ross received her master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1999. She began her career with the state in 2007 and, after a short stint in the private sector, returned to the Department of Corrections in 2012. Since her return, she has been actively involved in client supervision and different aspects of the district/agency.

Officer Ross is well respected within the agency, as well as in her community, for her professionalism and passion for her role in law enforcement. Officer Ross is currently involved in a Department of Justice reentry program known as Fresh Start. She has assisted the US Attorney's Office with organization of the program, which is targeted at offenders releasing to the Tulsa, Oklahoma area and focuses on provision of information to offenders on counseling services and housing, medical, and financial resources available to them after their release from prison.

Officer Ross is also a consistent member of the Special Olympics Torch Runners and has served as an ODOC fundraiser coordinator for the United Way State Charitable Campaign.