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Welcome to *Inside Corrections*



This edition of *Inside Corrections* emphasizes our correctional officers which are a majority of our 4,600 employees on the current payroll. We have a constant struggle to keep the public informed on our operations and this includes the duties and roles of our employees. Correctional officers are a good example of the need to constantly and consistently inform the public of what a correctional officer is. When I first became director I asked several news reporters why they insisted upon using the word, “guard” when referring to correctional officers either in print or on television. The responses included that newspaper editors used guards as it took up less space in an article. Another answer was that the public knew what a guard was and might be confused by the term correctional officer. So as you can see explanations vary but the focus for us will always be to market correctional officers as the proper title. To do anything less would show disrespect for a profession that is becoming more and more complex.

Anytime your career is focused on the most complex living thing on earth, other human beings, the challenges change each day. Interactions of correctional officers with offenders are one of the most important daily roles. The role modeling, communication and other aspects of verbal and non verbal communication are large contributors to setting the tone and atmosphere on a facility yard. The extremes of correctional officer job duties go from the aforementioned to responding to emergencies. Our training and preparation for emergencies is one of the best in the nation. I have no hesitation in presenting that fact as I see the results on a daily basis whether that involves a CERT response, approval of assault plans or reviewing video and/or written SIRs.

It is incumbent on all of us to educate the public on what we do. We have been able to have our correctional officers honored each year at the state capitol, have a yearly Governor’s proclamation and a host of other recognition events. However, it is our interaction with the general public that will make the biggest difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Justin Jones
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections **Congratulates Crystal Angelo** for receiving the APPA 2009 Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year Award for her outstanding work in the field of probation and parole. This award will be presented at the Opening Session of the APPA 34th Training Institute in Anaheim, California, Sunday, August 23, 2009.

In Other Words

Dear Director Jones,

What a difference your contribution of a Loaned Executive made for the 2008 State Charitable Campaign (SCC)! By now, I am sure you've heard that the 2008 SCC was the most successful in our community's history, raising \$499,695 for human service programs. Loaned Executives were the cornerstone of our success. Because of Karl Willett's diligence, the 2008 SCC increased donations by over 9%, which is an increase of over \$42,000. Literally thousands of local peoples' lives will be forever changed as a result of your support.

Each time a Loaned Executive returns to the United Way of Central Oklahoma office with contributions, he or she rings our campaign bell in celebration. Like drops of water in the ocean, the ringing notes gather and become an incredible total.

The small bell we are sending you today represents the bell that hangs in our office. We hope it reminds you of the good you have done for our community. To paraphrase Mother Teresa, "You may feel that what you have done is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would have been less because of that missing drop."

Thank you for supporting the Loaned Executive Program.

Sincerely,

Oscar B. Jackson, Jr., IPMA-CP

Administrator and Cabinet Secretary

Dear Mr. Howard,

This letter is to express the appreciation of all the employees at the Lane Agricultural Research and Extension Center to you and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for allowing inmates from McLeod Correctional Center to come and work here at the Center assisting us in some work that was critical to the success of our research. We appreciate the fact that you were willing to send Mr. Vince McIver as an overseer of the men while they were working.

The men assisted us in taking down three miles of old 5-wire barbed wire fence and helped us set up the new 8 foot high wildlife exclusion fence the entire three miles around the perimeter of the Center. They also cleaned the right-of-way for the fence and cleaned the irrigation pond dam that was infested with heavy brush and was too steep for us to safely mow with a tractor. They also cleaned brush around some of our buildings which improves appearances and reduces fire danger. Mr. Vince McIver's presence gave everyone a confident feeling and he made sure that the men worked well.

We would like to be able to have the inmates assist us in the future whenever it is convenient for you. If there is ever anything we can do for you and the McLeod Correctional Center don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

James Vaughn, Station Superintendent

Merritt Taylor, Center Director

Warden Standifird,

The Okfuskee County History Board of Directors want to thank you for that excellent work crew you sent to support our clean-up effort. Myself being a retired Command Sergeant Major of a Combat Engineer Battalion know first hand just how individual work ethics can differ from individual to individual. I can say without a doubt that I would want the crew you sent our way on my team anytime to include their supervisor. They were one of the hardest working groups of individuals I have ever witnessed. From the time they arrived each morning until the time they departed each evening they were actually engaged in the clean-up process. Also, another thing that stood out was the fact that whoever they addressed or asked questions it was always yes or no sir, very respectful especially in today's environment on the way they conducted themselves. Sgt. Karen Vance and her crew, Donald Gilbert, James Nye, Carl Chappelle, James McCullough, and Tracy King are to be commended for a job well done.

Thanks,

Ronald L. Gott

President, Okfuskee County History Center

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Mr. Jones,

I would like to take this time to thank you and your staff for the card. I count it a blessing to work for our agency that counts me more than just a PIN number or a name, but an employee, a member of this tight knit family we call ODOC. Thanks again for your care and concern during the loss of our son. Gale and I love you all in Christ!

Gary McGee

Dear Justin and Staff,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the lovely flowers in my Mother's honor. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jari Askins

Lieutenant Governor
State of Oklahoma

To Ann Tandy, the DOC, and all who assisted,

The old saying of... "thank you could never express our appreciation" definitely applies to our family's gratitude to all of you who diligently assisted in streamlining Joseph's release and his eventual transfer to Arizona. Your attention to detail and your valiant efforts in this situation is truly a tribute to the DOC and to the compassionate people who serve within the administration.

Compassionate is not how most citizens would describe the DOC and most of us know unfortunately, that most good deeds go unnoticed. However, our family will forever be grateful to everyone who took the time to listen and to proactively evaluate our situation and then to implement a strategy for a timely

outcome.

Your good deeds and compassion will never be forgotten or go unappreciated by those of us involved.

Our family's repayment can only be to bless and to pray for all of the DOC's administration, their families, all of the people held within the confines of the DOC, and to pray for those families who suffer tremendous burdens while their loved ones are incarcerated.

Thank You,
James and Sandra Glass

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New Appointments

Chief of Security John Hart



John Hart, Chief of Security

Union City Community Corrections Center

Chief of Security Sam Jones

Mr. Jones began his career as a Correctional Security Officer I in October, 1994 at James Crabtree Correctional Center. In May of 1995 Mr. Jones transferred to Bill Johnson Correctional Center. While at BJCC, he promoted to a CSO IV in November, 1999 and to Lieutenant in October, 2000.



Sam Jones, Chief of Security

Willilam S. Key Correctional Center

Council on Law Enforcement Education & Training



APRIL 28, 2009

The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted a graduation ceremony on April 28, 2009 for CLEET Basic Academy WC011209. Eric Franklin, Warden, Lexington Assessment & Reception Center was the graduation speaker. The 16 correctional officers and 19 probation & parole officers in this class successfully completed the required 600 hours of instruction. Fourteen different facilities and districts ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in WC011209.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy would like to commend the Class of WC011209 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Joshua McGill
Oklahoma State Reformatory
Academic Award

Bracey Dangerfield
Central District Community Corrections
Class Speaker

Terri Jefcoat
Central District Community Corrections
Outstanding Performance Custody Control

Joshua McGill
Oklahoma State Reformatory
Outstanding Performance Firearms

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

James Walls
Oklahoma State Reformatory
Academic Award

Carey Leighow
Lawton Community Corrections Center
Class Speaker

Heather A. Phillips
Mabel Bassett Correctional Center
Outstanding Performance

JUNE 11, 2009

The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted a graduation ceremony on June 11, 2009 for Correctional Officer Cadet Class W050409. Dennis Rose, Chief of Security, Joseph Harp Correctional Center was the graduation speaker. The 11 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 240 hours of pre-service instruction. Thirteen different facilities ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in W050409.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton would like to commend the Class of W050409 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

MAY 8, 2009



Michell Rogers, Guest Speaker



Front: Fu-Hwa (Flora) F. Chen, Chifei (Penny) Broomfield, Kazuko K. Kovarik Back: Dr. Ju Chuan Wang-Arrow (Keynote Speaker), Larry T. Li



Yukiko Burnett



Fu-Hwa (Flora) F. Chen



Mercy Panicker, James J. Eyadiel, Vijayalakshmi (ViGi) Krishnamurthy, Suthaharan (Sam) Sangaran, Mei-Lin Yang



Daniel Vu; Justin Jones, Director; Xuan Thu T. Nguyen, Kimberlee T. Tran



Dr. Ju Chuan Wang-Arrow, Keynote Speaker; Joyce Jackson

Recognition Week

May 4 through May 10, 2009

was Public Service Recognition Week in the State of Oklahoma. The Treatment & Rehabilitative Services Division has made it a yearly event to recognize its employees by having a meeting and training event during this week. On May 6 we met at the Metro Tech in Oklahoma City and were treated to presentations by a representative from the Oklahoma Employees Credit Union, author Tom Pace and Lt. Governor Jari Askins followed by an excellent lunch.

Our day started with a welcome from Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey followed by opening remarks from Director Justin Jones. Sean Ridenour from the Oklahoma Employees Credit Union talked to us about the benefits offered by the credit union and the benefit the credit union has been to him both personally and professionally. The credit union donated small spiral notebooks and pens for goodie bags given to each divisional employee as well as two (2) \$50 Shell gift cards for door prizes.

Tom Pace, author of "The Mentor, the Kid and the CEO" and CEO of PaceButler Corporation, talked about the importance of mentoring especially in our institutions. He conveyed the importance of setting priorities in our lives and demonstrated that by having his assistant try to add several large rocks to a bucket already filled with sand. He couldn't do it. Next he put the rocks in the bucket first, which demonstrates the important things in our lives, and then poured in the sand, which represents the small things or less important things. The sand filled in all the spaces around the rocks representing the less important things in our life falling into place after we set our priorities. Mr. Pace very generously donated a copy of his book for each divisional employee.

Lt. Governor Askins spoke about her career in public service which includes being a judge, working for the Pardon and Parole Board, being a Legislator and now Lieutenant Governor. She understands the plight of corrections and would like to see legislation for



more opportunities outside corrections, such as drug court, mental health court and other alternative sentences which would perhaps offer more treatment and less incarceration. She recognizes the hard job we, as corrections employees, have and encouraged us to continue to communicate with our legislators about issues that impact the department. She closed by thanking us for the jobs we do as public servants.

Following lunch we participated in a “Who I Am Makes A Difference” presentation. In 1980, at the age of 38, Helice “Sparky” Bridges of San Diego, California, discovered that people were literally starving for recognition. Helice had this dream and dedicated her life to finding a way for all people to feel appreciated, respected and loved so that they would know that who they are makes a difference and she created a “Who I Am Makes A Difference” acknowledgement process. She originally purchased 1000 “Who I Am Makes A Difference” buttons and began honoring people everywhere. She trained a handful of youth and adults and within less than two weeks 1000 people were honored.

By 1983, Helice founded Difference Makers International uniting people to make a difference. She changed the buttons to blue ribbons with the words “Who I Am Makes A Difference” stamped in gold. With the help of a dozen teens, parents, grandparents and business people, over 35,000 people were honored within the first three months. People told stories of how the Blue Ribbon Acknowledgement healed broken marriages, stopped fights, increased grades and raised self-esteem.

In 1988, a teacher in New York honored every one of her high school students by placing a Blue Ribbon above their hearts. Then she invited her students to start a class project by honoring people throughout their community. Students honored their friends, family members, teachers – everyone. One of these Blue Ribbons actually saved a 14 year-old boy from committing suicide.

We watched a video about the Blue Ribbon project and Ms. Mahaffey recognized all the divisional employees telling us we each make a difference every day, whether it’s at our job, at home, or in our community. A representative at each table, on Ms. Mahaffey’s behalf, presented a blue ribbon to each

staff member at the table. A blue ribbon was placed above our heart and pointed slightly upward toward all our dreams coming true. Inside the globe on the ribbon are cheerleaders, cheering us on for our dreams. Ms Mahaffey asked each person to remember that she is one of our cheerleaders. Staff was also given two additional ribbons to pass on others, honoring them for making a difference and encouraging them to make their dreams come true. Always remember, Who You Are Makes A Difference!!!



By: Ronnie Carrico



National Correctional Officer Week

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5184 creating “National Correctional Officer Week.” Since then, the first full week in May is recognized as “National Correctional Officers Week” to honor the work of correctional officers nationwide in recognition of the outstanding achievements and dedicated service of the correctional officers and correctional officer supervisors of the state.

Each of these individuals represents all the dedication, hard work and commitment that it takes to be the best on our profession. They serve not only as examples of excellence within their community but also as role models.

Justin Jones, Director

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is privileged to have a group of men and women who are trained professionals and who serve on a daily basis, unarmed, in the state’s correctional facilities which house the most antisocial and dangerous individuals society has to offer; and

WHEREAS, these professionals serve valiantly to provide humane conditions of confinement while ensuring security and contributing to offender rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the daily management of offenders requires special training, sound judgment, and courage; and

WHEREAS, these correctional officers and correctional officer supervisors provide essential services and exemplify the highest of professional standards by their commitment to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections mission of “Protecting the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders;”

Now, therefore, I Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 - May 2, 2009, as

“Oklahoma Correctional Officers Week”

in the State of Oklahoma,

in recognition of the outstanding achievements and dedicated service of the correctional officers and correctional officer supervisors of the state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 9th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nine and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred first year.

ACA Presidential Proclamation

The correctional profession is one of the most challenging professions one can pursue. It is also one of the most noble. Correctional staff help keep our citizens and our communities safe.....not simply by securing jails and prisons and the offenders confined there. Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in facilities all across the countryas counselors, teachers, chaplains, health care professionals, support staff, custody officers, supervisors, wardens and directors. They are among the most capable, committed, patient and persistent public servants in our nation.

Few truly understand the difficulties and challenges these corrections professionals face daily, often at great personal risk. They are given those who engaged in dangerous and addictive behaviors, along with the responsibility to reform and rehabilitate. They are given society’s illiterate and unskilled, and the task to educate. They are given those who lack medical care, or who are in poor health, and must help make them well. They are given the mentally ill, and the responsibility to diagnose, treat and protect.

Harold Clark, President

American Correctional Association

2008

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

2008 Community Corrections Division Correctional Officer of the Year, 2008 Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year

Joseph W. Glasco, Chief of Security I, SEDCC Earl Davis Community Work Center is the Community Corrections Division Correctional Officer Supervisor of the year for 2008.

He began his career with the agency in October, 1990. Chief Glasco has coordinated the daily operations of two work centers in the SEDCC. He also implemented some basic security procedures he observed were lax at Marshall County Community Work Center (MCCWC), and found ways to schedule and work staff so little if any overtime would be needed.

Chief Glasco sets a mature example for his staff and the example is set for them to follow. He is often described as honest, dependable, hard working,

ethical, and very willing to take on a challenge.

He became a mentor to staff at MCCWC. Staff appreciates the way he interacts with them by telling them and showing them what he expects, then allowing them to practice. They further appreciate his willingness to correct anyone not willing to maintain good security practices.

2008 Community Corrections Division Correctional Officer of the Year, 2008 Agency Correctional Officer of the Year

James A. Cromwell, Correctional Security Officer III, Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center is the Community Corrections Division Correctional Officer of the year for 2008.

He began his career with the agency in July, 2004. Corporal Cromwell has spent many long hours designing an offender data base that is used by officers throughout KBCCC. He has made what used to be a very time



Joseph W. Glasco, Chief of Security
Southeast District Community Corrections



James Cromwell, Correctional Security Officer III
Oklahoma County CC/RS/North

consuming process more accurate and efficient with the use of the data base.

Corporal Cromwell is always working at 100 percent when he is on duty. He is always willing to take on extra assignments when needed or help other officers meet deadlines. He eagerly takes advantage of all training opportunities that are offered to him whether in the classroom or just absorbing the knowledge of more experienced officers.

He is an excellent role model for new officers and assists in their training. Cromwell has recently joined the Department of Corrections Honor Guard. He takes this added duty with great seriousness and pride.

2008 Probation and Parole Officer of the Year, Crystal L. Angelo

Crystal L. Angelo, Probation and Parole Officer III, Central District Community Corrections is the Agency Probation and Parole Officer of the year for 2008.

She began her career with the agency in April, 2004. She has been actively involved in a national multi-jurisdictional caseload study that is researching the differential effect of caseload size on outcomes related to recidivism for medium and high risk offenders, as well as the impact of evidence based practices on recidivism outcomes. She is a member of the district's Affirmative Action Committee, the Planning Committee, and the agency's Honor Guard.

Her family has a background in law enforcement which led to her interest in the department. One of the things she enjoys about the job is that it's "never the same day twice." She enjoys helping people and doing investigations.



Crystal L. Angelo, Probation & Parole Officer III
Central District Community Corrections

She was thrilled and excited when she learned of her selection as Probation and Parole Officer of the Year. She stated, "I wouldn't have thought it possible five years ago."

She resides in Oklahoma City with her husband and four dogs. She enjoys turkey and deer hunting and is looking forward to October when she is going elk hunting with her family. She is a 2004 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma.

2008 Field Operations Division Correctional Officer of the Year, 2008 Agency Correctional Officer of the year

Travis P. Ary, Correctional Security Officer IV at Joseph Harp Correctional Center is the Agency Correctional Officer of the Year for 2008.

He began his career with the agency in 2006 after working ten years in retail management for Wal-Mart. He was recruited to the agency by Lt.



Travis Ary, Correctional Security Officer IV
Joseph Harp Correctional Center

William Weldon of Joseph Harp Correctional Center.

He is an Honor Guard member, a member of the JHCC Correctional Emergency Response Team, and serves as a volunteer fire fighter and EMT in his community of Lexington. He is described as a respected and motivational leader with a reputation for assessing situations and making sound decisions.

One of the things he enjoys about his job, is that “you can see if you are helping people” which is much more satisfying than his previous employment in retail. He also likes mentoring cadets and believes that being approachable helps in that regard as well as bringing him personal enjoyment.

He credits his supervisors for taking him under their wings and giving him opportunities to further his career. He feels an obligation to treat people like he has been treated and to share what he knows like others did for him. Being selected as officer of the year is a “great honor that I’m very appreciative of.”

Sgt. Ary is married with two children and resides in Lexington. He enjoys spending time with his family, riding motorcycles and classic cars. He is a graduate of Lexington High School.

2008 Field Operations Division Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year, 2008 Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the year

Michael J. Shelite, Correctional Security Manager I, James Crabtree Correctional Center, Helena, is the Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year for 2008. He began his career with the agency in 1989 and is currently responsible for the daily operations of the property room and mail room. He is the CERT Commander for James Crabtree CC and the assistant commander of the Agency’s Honor Guard. In addition to his duties at JCCC, he serves on three separate volunteer fire departments and is a first responder for the Alfalfa County Emergency Medical Services. He has also served in the Oklahoma National Guard, serving a twelve month tour of duty in Iraq.

His longstanding interest in law enforcement led him to his career in corrections. He particularly enjoys the tight knit group of employees as James Crabtree CC stating there is a real brotherhood and sisterhood amongst the employees. He credits his supervisors for giving him room to grow. He has learned that it is important to pay attention to detail, keep the lines of communication open, and take care of your employees. He stated it was an honor to be selected Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year for the agency. He believes that it is important that he set a good example and stay professional.

In his leisure time he enjoys flying, calling it his pride and joy. He has had his pilot’s license for six years.

Lieutenant Shelite graduated from Aline Cleo High School, received his Associates Degree from Redlands Community College, and his Bachelor of Science from Mid America Christian University. He currently resides in Enid, Oklahoma.



**Michael Shelite, Correctional Security Manager I
James Crabtree Correctional Center**



Erick Morris, Correctional Security Officer IV
Bill Johnson Correctional Center



Kelly Schrock, Correctional Security Officer IV
Bill Johnson Correctional Center



Vinson Dorman, Correctional Security Officer IV
Dick Conner Correctional Center



Christopher Maker, Correctional Security Manager I
Dick Conner Correctional Center



April Van Housen, Correctional Security Officer III
Eddie Warrior Correctional Center



Jacqueline Wooden, Correctional Security Manager I
Eddie Warrior Correctional Center



Jonny Larkins, Correctional Security Officer IV
Howard McLeod Correctional Center



Stephen Chandler, Correctional Security Manager I
Howard McLeod Correctional Center



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Donald Ford, Correctional Security Officer IV
James Crabtree Correctional Center



Michael Shelite, Correctional Security Manager I
James Crabtree Correctional Center



Albert Andrews, Correctional Security Officer III
Jess Dunn Correctional Center



Francis Ford, Correctional Security Officer IV
Jess Dunn Correctional Center



Roger Fry, Correctional Security Officer IV
Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center



Paul Pickle, Correctional Security Manager I
Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center



Paul Newport, Correctional Security Officer IV
John Lilley Correctional Center



Steven Young, Chief of Security
John Lilley Correctional Center



Mark Crippen, Correctional Security Officer III
Central Transportation Unit,
John Lilley Correctional Center



Christopher L. Rector, Correctional Security Manager I
Central Transportation Unit,
John Lilley Correctional Center



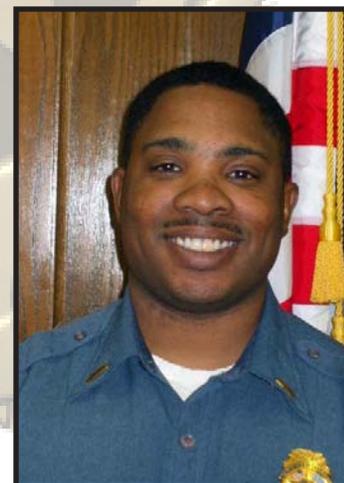
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Joseph Harp Correctional Center



Jedediah Hasbell, Correctional Security Officer II
Lexington Assessment and Reception Center



Ramon Jones, Correctional Security Manager I
Lexington Assessment and Reception Center



Julie Holloway, Correctional Security Officer IV
Mabel Bassett Correctional Center



Anthony Clayton, Correctional Security Manager II
Mabel Bassett Correctional Center



Bryan Richard, Correctional Security Officer IV
Mack Alford Correctional Center



Collin Nelson, Correctional Security Manager I
Mack Alford Correctional Center



Matt Rake, Correctional Security Officer II
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Michael Buchanan, Correctional Security Officer IV
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Kevin Lawlor, Correctional Security Officer III
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Bryan T. Cox, Correctional Security Manager I
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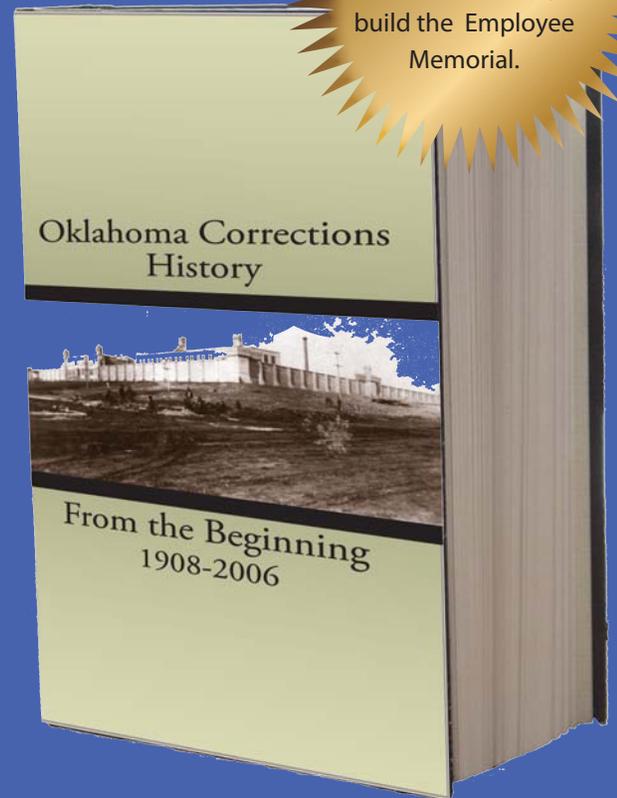
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Community Corrections

Chaplains and Spiritual Counselors

On January 20, 2009, this country witnessed an occasion never seen in its history, an inauguration of our first African American to be sworn into presidency of the United States of America. Another event was also unfolding which is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation; the training and orientation of Correctional Officer Chaplains and Spiritual Counselors, representing their particular district.

The purpose of the program is to provide spiritual counseling, needs and services to fellow correctional officers and other employees and their families. Other duties include making referrals and coordinating services in conjunction with the Employee Assistance Program and appropriate agencies that can best meet the needs of the employees and their families; visiting fellow employees in the hospital or home during illness; serving as a liaison between the employee and agency regarding employee needs; attending or conducting funerals of correctional employees upon request and maintaining strict confidentiality.

Four uniform correctional officers participated in the two day training program at the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center, Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma. The participants consisted of Lt. Ron Hood, Northeast District; Cpl. Christopher Zamudio, Oklahoma County North, Residential Services; Chief of Security, Elois Wilson, Southwest District and Lt. Melvin Castleberry, Southeast District.

The presenters of the training included the Agency Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator, Leo Brown and Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, Ken Skidmore. Introductory remarks were made by the Deputy Director of Community Corrections, Reginald Hines.

Correctional officer chaplains and spiritual counselors are embarking on uncharted waters. Recent surveys of correctional agencies across the United States revealed that no other such program exists. The success of this project relies on how the chaplains/spiritual counselors address and deal with employee's issues, concerns and needs.

Religion has played a vital role in Oklahoma corrections as it is written in the 1909 Rules and Regulations Handbook of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Number 19 of the Rules Observed By Prisoners, stated, "All prisoners, when not excused, will be required to attend Chapel service."

The question may have been raised in

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years past, why not a Correctional Officer Chaplain? The military has chaplains, police departments and other law enforcement agencies have chaplains; why not corrections? Robert F. Kennedy once said, "Some men see things as they are and say why; I dream of things never were and say why not."

Officers are like family; a tight knit group that don't always trust those that don't wear the uniform. Their needs may not be highly visible, but specific needs certainly exist.

The concept was presented to Reginald Hines; Leo Brown and Ken Skidmore who all supported the idea. The work of the Chaplain would take place after

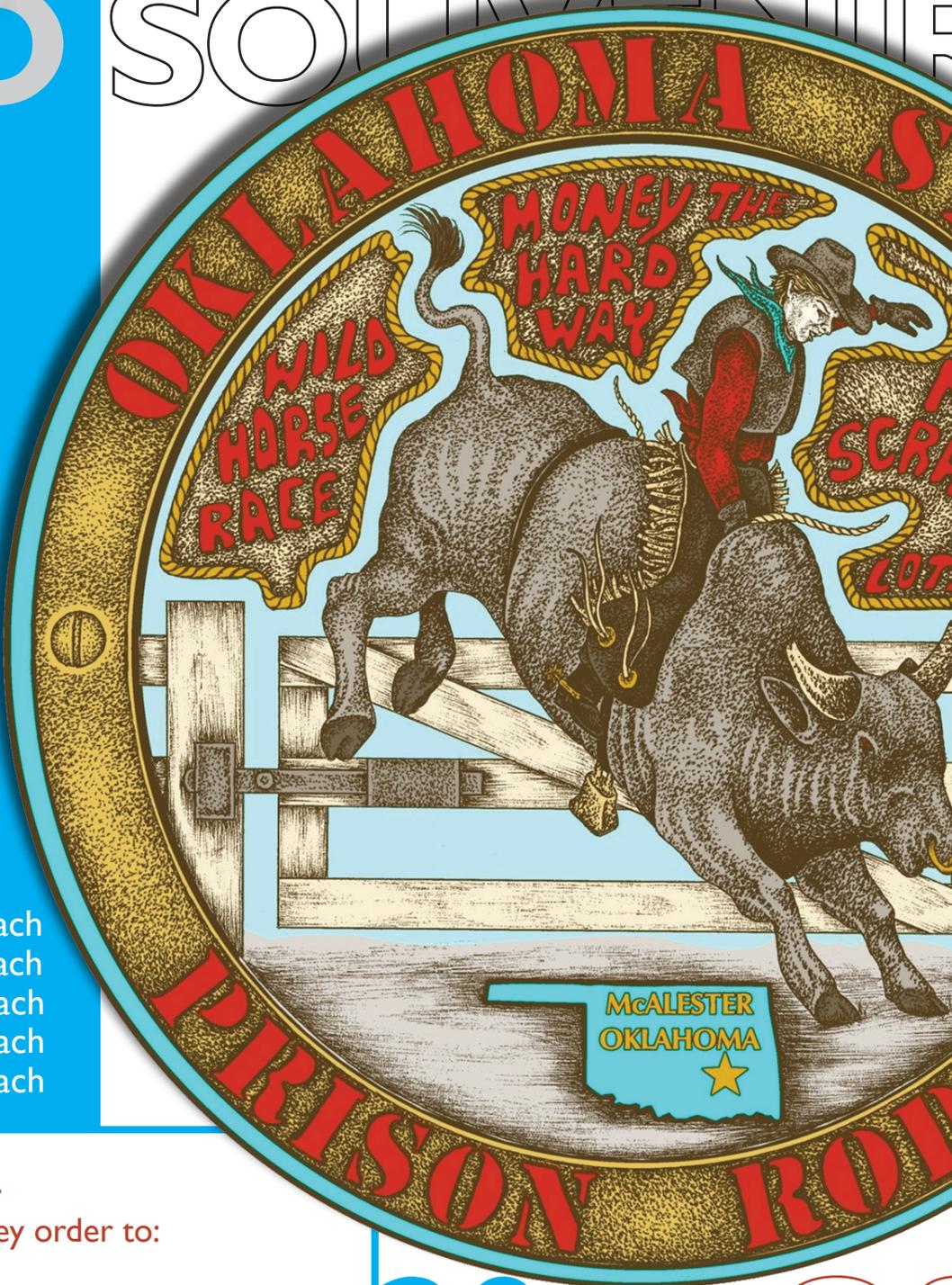
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regular shift hours and days off unless approved otherwise by the facility head. It was reasonably assured the agency did not have the support or funds to make the Correctional Officer Chaplain's position a full-time position. It was also



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known it would be unlikely an officer would provide the services without some type of compensation. The group recommended the proposal would include overtime compensation for hours worked providing services to employees and their families.

The proposal was presented to the Division Chiefs of Security with overwhelming support.

The program was inspired by a series of events over several decades which bear the question: "Where is a Chaplain?"

Many of our employees have loved ones that are ill, have physical or mental disabilities or experience life traumatic experiences during their career which may

affect their attitudes, performance and their fellow employees. Many needs are specific to the work place.

Chaplains also need their own spiritual counselor to obtain advice, direction and guidance. Participants were told, "If you don't have one, find someone you trust; you will need them along your journey. You need to take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Develop and seek a framework of community resources and individuals that can assist you in making local referrals. You represent the professionalism of this agency and the people that are called to serve in it. This training will help you to prepare to help others."

The program agenda items consisted of an overview of the vision, purpose and contents of the job description; Historical Overview of Chaplaincy; Overview of the Employee Assistance Program; Confidentiality; Suicide Situations/Prevention; Death Notification and Grief; Mental Health issues; Trauma Incidents; a Chaplains panel discussion which included Oklahoma Police Chaplain, Jack Poe and Department of Public Safety Chaplain, Sam Gardner. Chaplain Gard-

ner commented that the calling for staff was entirely different than the calling to minister to offenders.

After the participants completed the training and orientation, a pinning ceremony was conducted where each participant received a Certificate of Training and Deputy Director Hines pinned a symbol representing each participant's faith on the officer's uniform shirt lapel.

Lt. Ron Hood stated that he is an ordained minister and has been for 20 years. He had his own church and left the ministry and began working in corrections. After awhile, he began to miss the ministry and prayed that a door would be open that allowed him to return to the ministry.

This program is to provide spiritual counseling, needs and services to fellow correctional officers and other employees and their families. Having served as a minister for twenty-three years before coming to work for Department of Corrections in 1999 and feeling that there was a need for such a service, this became a matter of prayer.

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Reginald Hines, Deputy Director, Chief Elois Wilson, Lt. Ron Hood, Cpl. Christopher Zamudio, Lt. Melvin Castleberry, Dan Reynolds

Law Enforcement Torch Run

May 13, 2009

On May 13, 2009 five officers from the LARC CERT team participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. This year's run started at the Police Headquarters downtown Oklahoma City and went to the State Capital where they were met by Lt. Governor Jeri Askins. The final leg of the run finished at Oklahoma State University.

Members of the LARC CERT Team also participated in the Special Olympics Summer Games opening ceremonies held at Gallagher Iba Arena in Stillwater. DOC Honor Guards escorted the Parade of Athletes into the arena and then at the end of the opening ceremonies CERT members rappelled from the rafters.



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Chief Wilson stated he didn't have to worry about where the funding for the program would come from I had already been paid so we will go forth and do the job.

Cpl. Zamudio is being tutored by a minister that was a former police chaplain. He is also planning to attend seminary and he is excited to begin his new duties. He states, "Being accepted after my interview was a very wonderful day in my life. I was being accepted by a jury of my peers as a person who was qualified largely due to my life's experiences and love for God."

Lt. Castleberry is preaching at his pulpit in Healdton, Oklahoma and conducting wedding ceremonies and funerals. Lt. Castleberry stated, "Corrections Officer Chaplain is the culmination of my two jobs, both of which I love."

Corrections is a field, a lifestyle all its own. Now Corrections Officers have one of their own to turn to in times of adversity, sickness or death. One of their own, from whom they can garner hope. A mediator, a confidant, a listening ear and a helping reassuring hand through difficult times. Anyone that has spent time in uniform or dealing with those in uniform for just a limited amount of time knows that we are a tight knit bunch.

Mr. Hines stated, "Correctional Officers are a unique group of individuals that have particular challenges that others may not experience; for example, shift work, mandatory shift rotation, stressful work environment, working on holidays and having their days off cancelled or having to work a double shift because

they were not sufficiently relieved; etc... Correctional Officer Chaplains/Spiritual Counselors will be able to provide valuable services for our staff; individually as well as family members."

According to Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator, "I believe that Community Correctional Officer Chaplains will provide support for our staff in a way that they have not seen in the past. The ability to have someone designated to be there for officers and staff that are struggling on the front lines will give many a new avenue to seek help from someone they can identify with. I am looking forward to seeing what a difference these Community Correctional Officer Chaplains will make in the months and years ahead."

Ken Skidmore stated, "I was very pleased and excited to be able to participate in the training of the inaugural class of Correctional Officer Chaplain/Spiritual Counselors. I have been doing assistance work with employees for over 10 years and always felt that a large segment of our workforce, namely men and women in uniform, were not always getting the help they needed. We know that when people experience problems in their personal lives those problems rarely fit into a single category, there is a lot of overlapping. One area that has been lacking is a resource in the area of spirituality. Employee Assistance is still available to all employees and family members."



Stormy Wilson, Lt. Ron Hood, Chief Eddie Bell

Director Jones has mentioned in the past that he believes individuals are responding to a calling when they chose corrections as a vocation. This program focuses on our fellow employee, addressing their needs in good times and bad times. It is hoped the services that are provided to our fellow employees will result in a more productive, efficient and healthier (physically, mentally and spiritually) employee.

The Chaplains and Spiritual Counselor's were told to go forward in the fields and do good works for your fellow correctional officers and other employees. 

For further information on the program, you may contact one of the following:

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Health and Reentry Fairs

Health Fairs are an effective way to provide valuable health information and screening services to large numbers of people using a convenient venue. Program content, prevention and treatment information and screening services are often provided to stimulate healthy behaviors and reinforce individuals that already practice healthy behaviors. On May 1, 2009 approximately 900 offenders from Dr. Eddie Warrior and Jess Dunn Correctional Centers received a snapshot of health and other community based and prison reentry program information. The health and reentry health fair model is based on three assumptions: 1) prison time is an opportune time to establish relationships with offenders who will require support and guidance when they return to com-



munity, 2) offenders may have unmet health care, education and supportive services needs upon release from prison, and 3) former offenders need an advocate to help them become employees in our community. To accommodate health

fair vendors and other DOC employees, tables were set up in the gym and visitation areas exhibiting heart and stroke prevention detection information. Additional tables included information about, job placement, DOC's wrap around and entrepreneurial programs, informative materials on health care, health screenings, dental prevention and disease; and healthy food samples were offered.

Professionals from local community-based groups such as hospitals and family and children's services, alcohol and drug aftercare counseling and support services, housing and educational opportunities were available and providers answered questions and provided direction. Representatives from The Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Department of Human Services were present and offered information and counseling about STD's/HIV, disability and food stamps. Peer educators provided pamphlets on the prevention of

prison rape and the American Cancer Society provided a presentation on prevention and early detection. Approximately 5,000 handouts were distributed. However, active-oriented health and reentry fairs inspire a learning perspective

more than a passive looking, reading and seeing fair. Therefore, offenders had an opportunity to participate in drum-circles to express rhythm and prison coop-



eration and to learn about music from a diverse culture. Essentially, the fairs promoted health and reentry awareness and provided the metaphor of music to build unity and the opportunity to embrace differences. Funding for the fairs was made possible through the Washington DC based, Tulsa Americorps team.



By: Dr. Melanie Spector, LPC/LADC



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July is Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Month. This month, you are encouraged to protect your eyes from the sun's damaging UV rays.

Prolonged exposure to UV rays can cause eye conditions such as cataracts, age related macular degeneration, and vision loss. It's important to protect yourself and loved ones during the summer months, when UV radiation is at its highest.

How to protect your eyes

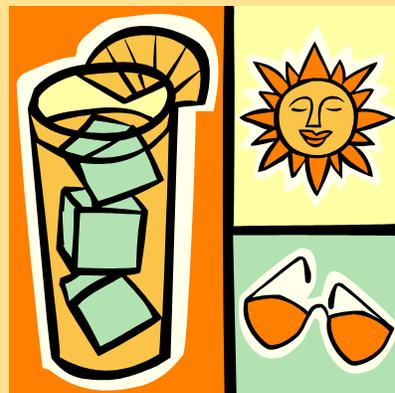
- Wear sunglasses and a brimmed hat when outdoors.
- Buy sunglasses that block 99-100% of UV rays.
- If on the water or snow, wear goggles or sunglasses that wrap around your head to protect the sides of your eyes as well.
- Don't forget about the kids. Make them wear sunglasses and hats when in the sun also.

skin UV safety

According to the EPA, 1 American dies of skin cancer every hour. Don't become part of the statistic!

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Although some skin types prevent burning, people of all skin types are susceptible to UV related health effects. Everyone should use sunscreen when outdoors, regardless of whether or not they will get sunburn.



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- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Board of Corrections Meeting
Central District Community Corrections
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 14-17 Pardon & Parole Board Hearings
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- 19-23 National Assoc. of Blacks in Criminal
Justice (NABCJ), Peabody Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas
- 19-22 Southern States Correctional Association
(SSCA), Royal Sonesta Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

August

- 7-12 American Correctional Assoc. (ACA)
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention
Center, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11-14 Pardon & Parole Board Hearings
Hillside Community Corrections
- 14-15 Oklahoma State Penitentiary Rodeo
McAlester, Oklahoma
- 23-26 APPA, 34th Annual Training Institute
Hilton Anaheim, Anaheim, California

September

- 7 Labor Day
- 8-11 Pardon & Parole Board Hearings
Hillside Community Corrections
- 11 Patriot Day
- 11 Board of Corrections Meeting
William S. Key Correctional Center
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- 13 National Grandparents Day
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