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DIRECTOR'S
NEWS UPDATE



**UPDATE ON THE LOSS OF PROBATION & PAROLE
OFFICER JEFFERY MCCOY**

As was communicated on Friday, Central District Probation and Parole Officer III Jeffery M. McCoy was killed in the line of duty in Midwest City on Friday morning while making a field visit. The assailant was not under department supervision and the investigation continues by the Midwest City Police Department.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeff's family. This is truly a time when our correctional family will provide cohesive support for them and each other as this inexplicable, heart-rending and tragic event will affect all of us for the rest of our lives. Funeral arrangements are pending and notification will be sent as soon as the family finalizes the service plans. Jeff's mother, Genese, is also employed with the Department of Corrections and his father, Pat, is retired from the department. The department is organizing with other agencies and associations to establish an assistance fund for his wife and children, who are ages seven and four. This information will soon be posted on the department's web site and will also be sent

out by email. All employees are encouraged to share this donation fund with their networks and churches as hopefully enough will be raised to assist with the children's future education opportunities.

Peer support and crisis teams for employee support are being organized this morning from within the department and also with those law enforcement agencies that have offered assistance and have experience with such tragedies. Coordination with honor guards from Oklahoma and across the nation is being organized with the consent of the family. Also, for all of our corrections family that have already called and/or sent messages to the family, be assured those are being passed on to the family at the appropriate time.

Please watch your emails as additional information will be forthcoming.