

Welcome to Inside Corrections

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When my wife and daughter moved to Oklahoma one of the first places we visited was the Oklahoma City National Memorial. It was important for us to learn the history of the state that we now call home. As we approach the 20 year anniversary of this act of terrorism you will hear more about the Oklahoma Standard. It was clear to my wife and me as we toured the memorial site what the Oklahoma Standard is. As we viewed pictures of Oklahomans running towards the chaos instead of away from it, rescue workers taking the time to remove an American flag from the rubble or a firefighter delicately carrying the body of Baylee Almon who just the day before had celebrated her first birthday. We walked past the empty chairs that represent the Oklahomans lost to senseless act of violence and understood the emptiness that their absence has left.

During my first year at the Oklahoma Department of Corrections I've also seen this Oklahoma Standard exhibited among the employees of our agency. Whether it's helping a co-worker in need or dedicating your time off to organizations that you are passionate about. On this anniversary date the National Memorial is asking all of us to commit to One Act of Service, One Act of Honor and One Act of Kindness to continue our state's commitment to the Oklahoma Standard. I encourage everyone to continue your commitment to the Oklahoma Standard and serving your state with pride and professionalism.