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SEVEN YEARS LATER

Interview with Director Jones

by Joyce Jackson, Administrator
Executive Communications



IC: WHEN WE VISITED DURING YOUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU PREPARED YOURSELF FOR THIS POSITION BY CONSTRUCTING A BUSINESS PLAN. YOU ALSO INDICATED THAT IN YOUR PLAN YOU HAD THREE MAIN FOCUSES THAT YOU WANTED TO ADDRESS: REVIEWING ANTIQUATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, IMPROVING HOW LEADERSHIP RELATES AND COMMUNICATES TO MANAGEMENT, AND BENCHMARKING TECHNOLOGY. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?

Director Jones: Applying best practice and research based evidence to policy and procedure is an ongoing process I believe we are a national leader in. As always, the desire and practice to ensure

that your policy, procedures and programs have fidelity is critical. Also, even with annual review of policy, we need to persistently ask and challenge ourselves as to the purpose of each policy and its desired outcome.

In response to the second part of your question, transparency and open communications is always the goal. Of course, the determination of success will always be in the eyes of the beholder. For certain, communication will never be perfect in any organization and it should be in the forefront of each leader's daily goals no matter what level you lead from. I hope this transparency and openness is apparent to upper management as there has been a concerted effort to focus on this at our upper management meetings.

Offender banking and automated medical records are two larger

examples of technology advances for us. There are many small examples of other techno type improvements too numerous to mention here. Reviewing, pursuing and testing new technology is a dynamic process that one can easily become negligent with. So, it is vital to the department we stay educated on what is available that can enhance our operations and make us more efficient and effective.

IC: NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD 7.5 YEARS ON THE JOB IS IT ANYTHING LIKE YOU EXPECTED? HOW IS IT THE SAME, IF IT IS AND IF IT'S NOT, HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?

Director Jones: Many aspects of the job were expected and routine like all jobs in corrections, but there have been many challenging aspects I am not sure you can really expect or be totally prepared for. The great recession and the subsequent budget reductions and adjustments were certainly a challenge that previous administrations did not have to experience. In all, 80 million dollars was the negative impact on our budget. Change in offender demographics such as, aging, gangs, diversity, sentence length and an array of others has changed how we do business. Also there have been major changes in how our industries and agriculture operations apply their business plans.

There is a lot that prepares you for the operational aspects of being a corrections director. Certainly the experience at as many levels and areas of expertise is valuable... as there is an expectation from internal and external stakeholders that you know the answer to everything. I am not sure anything really prepares you for the political environment and the fact that it can change from one day to the next. There is this expectation that you not only are operational 100 percent perfect, but you should have the political forethought of someone who bleeds politics. Many times the two; operational soundness and politics don't mesh well.

IC: WHAT'S BEEN THE TOUGHEST PART OF THIS JOB?

Director Jones: There are many and it is impossible to single it down, but I will try. Trying to educate legislators and the public in the complexity of our profession is a big challenge. Everyone wants to simplify what we do. For instance, the universal thought is in facilities we accept new offenders from the courts, then hold them

until they discharge. In probation and parole, we see the offenders a few times until they discharge.

IC: WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE BEST PART OF THIS JOB?

Director Jones: The best part of the job is the privilege to work with our professional, dedicated, public servant employees. They are truly the most unselfish protectors of public safety in all of government. Every single employee contributes to the mission on every given day. Another great part of the job is the relationships you establish with numerous external stakeholders who assist the department in abundant ways. There are just so many areas that add to this position's job satisfaction but like all public servants, just being able to contribute and to feel like you are making a difference is the prevailing satisfaction.

IC: HOW HAS THIS POSITION CHANGED YOU?

Director Jones: I think it is difficult to distinguish the natural changes and continual learning and understanding that arise with aging; from what a particular job does to change you. The job certainly accelerates the learning process and provides a more global perspective of corrections, criminal justice and the connect ability of all things related. More tolerance and understanding also comes to mind. It ensures you are congruent and challenges your emotional intelligence. It also demonstrates how important it is to have balance in your life which is very hard to do in this job. Learning to say no is important and a change for me.

IC: WHAT'S THE ONE THING YOU'D LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THAT THEY JUST DON'T GET? HOW HAS THAT CHANGED SINCE YOU STARTED ON THE JOB?

Director Jones: What most people outside our business don't get is the complexity of our profession. Most attempt to simplify what we do, but nothing could be more contrary. Anytime you are tasked with addressing the comprehensive issues, needs and wants of the most complex creature ever created...the human being...what could be more complex than that? We are comparable to a city in that we have all the services and infrastructure of a city with the prevalent difference being our citizens are convicted felons.

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Appointments

TINA HICKS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Tina Hicks has been appointed as the chief of Administrative Services. Ms. Hicks began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in September 2007 as administrator of the Contracts and Acquisitions Unit. Prior to joining our agency, Ms. Hicks worked at the Oklahoma Department of Health for 15 years where she held various administrative services positions, including director of purchasing, supervisor of operations in purchasing, budget analyst, payroll accountant, and time and effort supervisor. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Ms. Hicks has assumed responsibility for the following units: Contracts and Acquisitions, Information Technology, Personnel, Records Disposition, and the Employee Assistance Program.



GREG SAWYER, CHIEF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Greg Sawyer has been appointed as the chief of Business Operations. Mr. Sawyer began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in February 2008 as chief of Departmental Services. Prior to joining ODOC, he served as associate vice chancellor for Budget and Finance with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and as fiscal director with the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He has a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and attended graduate school at the University of Texas, Austin and a Juris Doctor degree from Oklahoma City University. Mr. Sawyer retains responsibility for the following units: Evaluation and Analysis, Offender Banking, Internal Auditing, and Finance and Accounting.



ANITA TRAMMELL, WARDEN OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY

Anita Trammell began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1982 at Mack Alford Correctional Center as a case manager. While at MACC, she promoted to warden's assistant, case manager supervisor and unit manager. Ms. Trammell promoted to deputy warden at MACC in December 2005 and continued serving in that capacity until she assumed the role of interim warden on April 1, 2010. She was appointed as warden at MACC on September 15, 2010. In September 2012, Ms. Trammell was assigned to interim Warden at OSP.

Ms. Trammell received her bachelor degree in Sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1982.



DANNY DELAY, DEPUTY WARDEN HOWARD MCLEOD CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Danny Delay began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections on August 5, 1991, at Mack Alford Correctional Center as a correctional officer. While employed at MACC, he promoted through the ranks, warehouse supervisor on July 1, 1992, and then business manager on April 15, 1996.

Mr. Delay received his bachelor degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Accounting from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1989.



JAY HODGES, DEPUTY WARDEN JOSEPH HARP CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Jay Hodges began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at Oklahoma State Reformatory as a Correctional Officer in January 1993. This was followed by security positions at Sayre and Elk City Work Centers and Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. He also has held positions in Training and Staff Development and in Treatment and Rehabilitative Services.

Mr. Hodges received his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from Mid-America Christian University in 2009 and a Masters in Business Administration from Mid-America Christian University in 2011.



CHIEF OF SECURITY APPOINTMENTS

KARLEEN HAMILTON

Chief of Security
Mabel Bassett Correctional Center

Chief Hamilton's interest in law enforcement began in the 1970s when she was living in Southern California. She was employed by the El Monte Police Department, Glendale Police Department and Imperial County Sheriff's Department, before moving to Oklahoma. Chief Hamilton began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1998, as a correctional officer at John Lilley Correctional Center, and promoted through the ranks to become a captain at Lexington

Assessment and Reception Center in 2007. After leaving the state to work for the Salt Lake County (Utah) Sheriff's Department, Chief Hamilton returned to the Oklahoma DOC in 2012 as a captain at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center.

Chief Hamilton obtained an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Ashworth College in Norcross, Georgia, in 2011. She has an Administrative Assistant diploma from Penn Foster Career School, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and is working toward an Associate Degree in Human Resources Management from the same school. In 2001, she was honored as

Oklahoma DOC Correctional Officer of the Year.

LEWIS LAYTON

Chief of Security
Mack Alford Correctional Center

Chief Layton began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections on January 2, 1998, at Mack Alford Correctional Center as a correctional officer. He promoted to lieutenant on December 1, 2004, and to captain on August 1, 2009. In addition, he was a member of CERT. He served in the role of acting chief of security from November 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010.

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The second item I should mention is most people don't understand the enormous return on the state's investment when you are able to reduce recidivism through evidenced based programming thereby drastically reducing future victimization. So lack of support and funding in this area actually increases crime.

The public and policy makers need an improved understanding of how each employee, through many avenues to include modeling positive behavior, contributes to security and safety of our work environments and in producing an improved citizen. The same is applicable for those employees who work with offenders on probation and parole.

How has this changed you asked? As public and political opinions become more polarized, it becomes increasingly difficult to encourage long term vision on how to address criminal justice and correctional issues. Examples include having sentences and other forms of punishment and retribution being researched and evidenced driven, having the impact of proposed changes being guided by data analysis and fiscal impacts. Without long term vision incorporated into evidenced based strategic planning, the current path the state is on is most certainly unsustainable.

IC: WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE TAKING THIS POSITION?

Director Jones: I am not sure I can answer this question in the manner that you asked it in that the Department of Corrections is a team and any outcomes are a measurement of the sum total of the team. Certainly we have had successes and failures and will continue to have both. Automated offender banking, automated medical records, cameras, security x-rays and a host of other technological advances are tangible examples implemented by dedicated employees.

We all survived the great recession together and even though it was harsh at times, we maintained an effective and efficient correctional system. This challenge continues as we strive for appropriate compensation and face the age old adversary of overcrowding and underfunding.

My greatest accomplishment will be determined by the employees after I have moved on to another segment of my life.

IC: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE REGARDING “LESSONS LEARNED “IN THIS POSITION?

Director Jones: I may be rather fragmented on this answer. Nothing



in your career really prepares you for all the items and issues that will come your way. Also, listening becomes the most important aspect of communication. Communicate-communicate-communicate.

It has certainly reinforced the definition of failure... as trying to please all the people all the time.

You will have more bosses than you can count.

When you are asked to a private meeting at the capitol and you're advised not to bring anyone with you... it is not going to be a good meeting.

Everything you say and do is magnified and will be interpreted in various ways.

The department is only as good as its weakest link.

You are only one phone call away from disaster.

This job is a very humbling experience.

IC: ARE YOU STILL GLAD YOU TOOK THE JOB?

Director Jones: This will be my easiest answer yet... yes.



Pictured: (far left) Director Jones speaks at the state capitol during a ceremony honoring Probation and Parole Officer of the Year, Correctional Officer of the Year and Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year; (middle left) Director Jones speaks during the NABCJ/OCA/OCP Combined Conference; and (above) Director Jones is pictured with Joyce Jackson, Administrator of Executive Communications, and participants of the Leadership Academy.



Photograph provided by Shawnee Lions Club.

MABEL BASSETT CORRECTIONAL CENTER (MBCC) SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA LIONS CLUB

Chris Thomas (*pictured left*), Vice President of the Shawnee Lions Club, requested a staff member attend one of their weekly meetings and share information regarding MBCC and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

On February 28, 2013, Deputy Warden Carla King (*middle*) and Sergeant David Smith (*right*) were the guest speakers and brought a PowerPoint presentation to outline the characteristics of female offenders.

Sergeant Smith delivered the PowerPoint, explaining what MBCC has to offer offenders, including behavioral change programs, recovery programs and education. The presentation also included the different health and psychological needs of female offenders.

Deputy Warden King discussed the different needs of female offenders and answered questions about the operations of the facility.

In Other Words

Mr. Farris, Mrs. Webb and staff, I want to thank you very much for allowing the students in my Civil/Criminal Law class to tour the facility. I truly believe it changed the lives of the students and gave them a different perspective on life behind bars and the daily routine. We talked in length the next day about the various aspects that had an impact on their visit. As a teacher, I cannot thank you enough for the "real life" experience. I honestly never envisioned being able to bring a class to a prison. I am including a couple of students "thank you" notes.

"Thank you so much for giving us a tour of the prison. It was a great learning experience, and it was interesting getting a firsthand view of how inmates live day to day. Learning about the various job opportunities in the penal system also gave me and my classmates something to think about for the future. The tour helped us apply what we talk about in class to what is happening in the real world. I know we all learned a lot on the trip, so thank you again!" --Lindsey Castor

"As Edmond Santa Fe Civil and Criminal law students, we would like to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to visit the prison. The messages that everyone resonated were truthful and cautious. The message you brought to us was more real than anything a book or article could teach, and the message is held close as a reminder to stay on the right track. Thank you for truly impacting the students, and thank you for the experience." --Katelin Feil

"Thank you so much to all the staff at the Lexington prison who were able to let us students have this once in a lifetime experience of seeing prison

firsthand. I learned so much from our trip such as how the inmates interacted with each other and how the process of education, jobs, and daily life works in jail. It was also incredible to see the organization that lets the prisoners train dogs! Thank you again for allowing us to visit, it was definitely one for the books!" --McKinley Jackson

"Thank you so much for taking time out of your day to show us around the prison! It was really interesting to get to learn about how the inmates are processed, what the facilities look like, and how the system works. I really enjoyed the men talking to our group towards the end of the tour about their lives and how they got there. It really puts into perspective the fact that every little decision you make in your life can result in something undesirable if you aren't smart about your choices. Thank you again!" --Taylor Phillips

Sincerely,

K.C. Williams
AP GOVERNMENT/CIVIL &
CRIMINAL LAW
SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL

Director Jones,
On behalf of the Ricard family and the staff at the Colorado Department of Corrections, thank you for the kind words and expression of sympathy. Please know we appreciate your support and concern at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Tom Clements
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS

Director Jones,
We have received your message of condolences to constable Hadouchi's family and colleagues. We will make

sure it will get to them.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for this kind gesture.

Sincerely,

Daniel Cauchy
CHIEF-INSPECTOR
SORETE DU QUEBEC POLICE
MONTREAL, CANADA

Director Jones,
On behalf of everyone in the Prince George's County Police Department and the Bowden family, thank you for your expression of sympathy for the loss of Police Officer First Class Kevin D. Bowden. Your kind words and concern have been comforting during this very difficult time. The tremendous outpouring of support has been so meaningful in helping us to deal with our sorrow.

We are proud of the dedication and commitment of Police Officer First Class Bowden during his years with our agency and he will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Magaw
CHIEF OF POLICE, PRINCE
GEORGE'S CO. GOVT. POLICE
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TECHNOLOGY IN OKLAHOMA CORRECTIONS

What it is, how it works, and who uses it

Written by Mike Carpenter



When discussing technology most people don't convey the idea of how far we've come and where the future may lead us. Following is an overview of all things technological in Oklahoma facilities and, while not exhaustive, hopefully conveys the huge impact technology has on our work lives.

Look around and see how many computers are really in use. The personal computers on almost every desk have provided a giant leap in technology. There are a few of us still around who remember when there were no computers in any offices. In fact we thought we were really uptown when the IBM Selectric (that's a typewriter for those of you born after 1975 or so) became programmable. The addition of personal computers did away with hours of typing and did so overnight. Since about 1993, computers have become so prevalent that we don't think about the amount of work that they allow us to do. Think for a minute about what it would take to do your individual job with no PC. Many can remember canteen records by hand, time calculations by ten key and presentence reports by typewriter, none of which takes into consideration the research of information or information sharing. Many have lived it and can tell you that we progressed light years in a short amount of time.

Another basic technology that most don't consider is telephones. Even in places with the old copper trunked telephone systems, we have come far. Our desk top phone gives us abilities not possible a couple of decades ago. If that phone is attached to a newer and modern VoIP system then the world really is at our finger tips. Even something as simple as calling in count is made far simpler by our telephone improvements. None of that even takes into account what cellular communications has done for us. Communication is constant and uninterrupted. So much so that many staff now dream of being disconnected. Smart phones have created a combination of phone and computer technology that allow for work that was impossible just a few short years ago. This technology has become so embedded that sometimes operations simply stop when it stops.

Radios are another basic technological leap that most don't consider. Having two or three radios for the entire facility was technology gone wild in the early 80's. Today we have a radio in nearly every hand in every corner. Further, those radios reach more people in more places than ever before.

By the simple flick of a switch, a radio user can talk to a different facility or a different agency. In some cases, our radios also have cellular capability, which allows the radio to serve as a phone, another leap not possible just ten years ago (unless you wanted to lug a suitcase around on your hip.)

What we really want to discuss is the cool factor; technology that's racy, that looks state of the art, and feels modern. Basic technology has evolved like a car. You start it with a crank, then you start it with a peddle on the floor (can you remember being told to "mash the starter"?), then a key, and now a simple button on the dash. It just kinda happens and nobody notices the dates that it grew or changed. Cool technology is the opposite, you walk around the corner and there it is, neon lights flashing and large as life, it seems to happen all at once and often catches us unprepared. This is the stuff that grows our abilities by leaps and bounds.

Fence alarm systems have grown at an amazing pace. Corrections departments around the globe are extremely dependent on fence alarms and we in Oklahoma are no different. Our pres-

ent "listening system" is an example of technology on steroids. This system actually hears the fence move. The old system felt it; hence the name "shaker system" but the ability to listen for movement is above comprehension. Add to that the advancements in microwave technology and "stun fence" technology. Using discriminating software and intricate electrical pathways, a stun fence can determine the level of force being applied and send an attention getting voltage down the fence line, immediately followed by a much stronger non-lethal "stun" voltage.

Global Position Satellite (GPS) is a remarkable piece of technology currently in use by the department. Who could have predicted that technology would allow us to know within feet where a person was at any given time of the day or night? This technology is cool because it works even when we do not. Officers can pull up the information at his or her desktop and see the habits of any offender in seconds. It becomes very difficult to lie about behaviors when confronted with a track of exact whereabouts. If that's not cool enough, this technology is actually driven

by satellites in outer space.

Metal detectors have also been a remarkable technology for corrections. In many cases we walk through them without thinking about it, but today's detector with its own version of discriminating software allows for a very intricate screening process. They are smaller and more efficient than ever before and the technology improves seemingly by the day. Some of the screening packages now allow us to "see" electronic devices. Others allow us to "see" residue from different drugs or explosives. All of these devices started as a very basic "discriminator" and worked forward until they became what we have and use today.

X-Ray technology is much the same as metal detectors. What started as an often dangerous and not very controllable technology has become a tool that allows us to "see" very specific items and the software allows us to define what we see by categories such as biological, mechanical, and of what density. Oklahoma corrections is at the very beginning of our own x-ray age and it is expected that we will grow into the use of x-rays quickly. We will
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see rapid advancements in our abilities to use this tool, making our facilities safer and more secure as time moves forward.

Lighting technology is another piece of this long chain. We no longer think of lighting as a fixture and a bulb only. Energy concerns and state law have catapulted us into new technologies not considered before. As funding is available we will see much more use of low energy lighting technology in our facilities, offices, and security lighting.

The first bullet resistant vest were made of nylon, cotton, and pockets filled with lead. This vest weighed about 90 pounds or so and really wouldn't stop anything but the weakest of shrapnel. Today's vests wear like a t-shirt, weigh less than three pounds, and can stop all but the largest, most powerful bullets. In many cases our vests are also stab resistant, which means for the average officer one vest is all you need to work inside or outside of the facility. Our cell entry gear has made the same advancements in technology, it's smaller, lighter and protects better.

The advent of OC spray was a tool long in coming for corrections. It allows for individual control and crowd control and, in many cases, without the officer having to expose himself or herself to danger. This is a technological advancement made specifically for law enforcement, it helps us prevent crime as well as protect ourselves and the offenders.

Glock pistols weigh less than a pound and a half. This means the loaded pistol weighs right at two pounds, which is huge if you have to carry one all day. The same technological advancements are found in our AR-15 rifles. Technology provides us with a rifle that is low in weight, super accurate, and can have a scope mounted that is as rugged as the correctional environment demands. This type of technology makes a difference on a large scale, because it is built for individual use but is used to protect everyone.

In Oklahoma we have come far, in a short amount of time, when it comes to camera technology. Currently, we have very small devices that have many different configurations. The image is captured, recorded, and can

be played back at any location in the state of Oklahoma that has web access. The current camera systems continue to improve with time, but the future will take us into wireless technology where the camera can be mounted anywhere and the recording device can be hundreds or even thousands of yards away. We are very dependent on our camera technology for discovering what did or did not happen and we will become more dependent still as the technology develops into a fully integrated system. The future will see cameras that know who can and cannot leave a facility, who should and should not be in a specific place and who is not where they should be.

Many would say technology has not made great strides in our locking systems. While we still depend on and use the very same locking mechanisms that were in place in the nineteen twenties and thirties, we also have modern technology in our locking mechanisms. Magnetic strikers, locks that open by entering a code or flashing a badge, and locks that do not unlock until another door is closed are but a few examples of

technological improvements seen in the last few years. Large cylinders and keys are not going away anytime soon, but the technology is there nonetheless. We have doors that open by electrical impulse, we have doors that open by air impulse, we have doors that open by touching a computer screen and we have doors that don't always open as they should, thus the reason for us keeping the very untechnological lock and key officer.

Look in any medical unit and technology abounds. The new EHR system is a marvel in its own right. The ability to look up records from any facility on any offender provides for better, faster, and more cost efficient health care. The pharmacy systems are technology at its best. From central pharmacy to the offender, the ordering and tracking systems provide a seamless service that wasn't possible in corrections just five years ago, when it was all still done by hand. In our maintenance departments technology is available for vehicle repairs, heating/air systems, and a myriad of other mechanical functions throughout our facilities. Food service utilizes a



Technology in Prison (Banking, Phones & Security)

by Jerry Johnson, Warden's Assistant

Technology in a correctional setting is used to enhance security, save time, prevent errors, and save money. The utilization of technological advances enhances the ability of staff to comply with the mission of the Department of Corrections and perform their job duties in a more efficient manner.

OFFENDER PHONES

The modernization of the offender phone system has enabled phone service to be made available to offenders at a reasonable cost while also maintaining security by compiling recordings of all calls for later reference if the need arises.

Recording of offender calls have been used in the past to prevent contraband introduction, prevent escape, and aid in maintaining the security of the facility. An extensive user interface is provided to staff in order to manage all aspects of the offender phone system including

offender authorized call list, call blocking, and the prevention of three way calling.

OFFENDER BANKING SYSTEM

In 2009, the implementation of the Offender Banking System (OBS), a centralized, all inclusive Trust Fund



and Canteen point of sale program, provided offenders and Department of Corrections (DOC) employees with several technological advantages and conveniences. An offender has instant access to his or her available trust fund balance wherever they are transferred within the Oklahoma DOC system, instead of having to wait for the money to follow them. After an offender purchases items from the facility's canteen, they are provided with a detailed receipt which summarizes the remaining spending limit and available balance amounts. Trust Fund employees have seen a significant reduction in the time and paperwork associated with processing offender transactions (receipts, disbursement requests, account balance requests, discharges, transfers, etc.). Other DOC employees, such as medical and food service, can request an offender transaction history which details an offender's Canteen purchases during a given period of time, and includes purchases made at all DOC affiliated facilities. All Canteen

vendor invoices are processed from the point of entry, through the receiving process, to the payment process, using the advantages offered by the all-inclusive OBS system. All reconciliations, many of which were performed at the facility level prior to the implementation of OBS, are now able to be processed at the DOC Administration headquarters in Oklahoma City. OBS has proven to be a useful tool for all of those affected by Trust Fund and Canteen operations.

In the fall of 2012, two companies, JPAY and Access, began processing the cashier's checks and money orders sent to the facilities by Oklahoma DOC offenders' families, which alleviated this burden from the Trust Fund officers. An offender's family and friends now send the cashier's check or money order to one of two processing facilities. The funds are posted to the offender's account within 24 to 48 hours of receipt.

JPAY and Access also allow funds to be added to an offender's account over the telephone, internet, via MoneyGram or by simply visiting their local Ace Cash Express location. People who utilize the telephone, internet, MoneyGram and Ace Cash options may make payments using their debit or credit cards. Ace Cash Express and MoneyGram locations also conveniently accept cash. These

Offenders have instant access to available trust fund balances wherever they are transferred within the system, instead of having to wait for the money to follow them.

funds are also posted to an offender's account within 24 to 48 hours.

The technological advances OBS, JPAY and Access offer have been a tremendous help to DOC employees by automating and streamlining many of the antiquated manual ways of accessing and processing offenders' financial transactions. Trust Fund officers are now able to provide assistance with other Business Office functions. Other DOC employees are able to access reports by simply making a call to the Trust Fund officer and requesting information which is readily available, instead of having to pore over reams of paper documents and compile information. Oklahoma DOC has and will continue to make great strides as they implement more technological advances and processes.

SECURITY

A significant advancement in maintaining the security of a facility has been the increased usage of closed circuit cameras and Digital Video Recorders (DVR). Digital video can be quickly reviewed in cases where identification of offenders who are involved in incidents is uncertain and also to review staff actions in order to comply with departmental policy and procedures. In many cases, offenders are less likely to participate in disruptive behavior if they know that their actions are being recorded. Staff members who work in isolated areas are provided an extra level of security when video cameras are utilized. The use of video recordings for evidence in felony cases greatly simplifies the prosecution of offenders and facilitates a faster conclusion to the case. As funds become available, an increase in the number and quality of cameras would be a valuable component of maintaining the security of the facility. ■

Offender Banking

by Janet Dowling, Warden

Banking for the offenders of all state facilities has changed tremendously over the past year. In the days of "snail mail," JCCC used to receive hundreds of money orders or cashier's checks for our 1,000+ offenders every month. Every day these money orders and/or cashier's checks were logged onto a check log form by the mail room staff or the person operating the switchboard. That form, along with the checks themselves, traveled to the Trust Fund where the trust fund officer took each check and inspected it for accuracy and then posted it to the offender's account. Each individual check and log form were then copied and taken to the cashier in the business office who double checked the addition and made sure all checks were accounted for. The cashier then made a deposit slip for the checks to be taken to the bank for deposit. Some other lucky staff member from the business office then got to take the deposit to the bank. A list of the offender balances were sent to the housing units so the offender would know the amount of money in their accounts. This all took a considerable amount of time, effort, and labor hours.

Now that Oklahoma has signed with Access and JPay to accept money orders and cashier's check, the trust fund officer prints a check log each day for JPay and Access for their receipts and sends out the daily balances to the housing unit for the offenders to have access to their account balances. The State of Oklahoma receives a small fee for allowing Access and JPay to handle the money and the state has saved a tremendous amount of money by eliminating hours of intense labor for the post office, switchboard, trust fund officers, and cashier. Way to go!!! ■



Cameras and Fence Alarms

Ensure They Are Effective

Over the past several years, MACC has had many upgrades to our camera surveillance and fence alarm systems. These security systems have proven to be a great asset on many occasions, especially when it comes to the surveillance system. For years, this facility, like many others, would have had serious assaults occur with no way of determining which and how many offenders were involved. Now, with good surveillance systems in place, very few incidents occur that staff cannot go back and review video footage and positively identify offenders involved. This not only enables facility staff to hold the proper offenders accountable, but it also prevents additional incidents from occurring in retaliation.

Our facility can produce many examples of incidents where technology has been

the key to successfully dealing with and even preventing serious incidents from occurring. Unfortunately, this facility has also experienced recent events where this same technology could have been more effective. If we are not utilizing the technology we have effectively, then it will obviously not be effective during a time of need.

Here are a few things to consider in regards to your surveillance and fence alarm systems in your own facilities.

Cameras

- If you are utilizing Pan/Tilt/Zoom cameras, always ensure that these cameras are pointed in an effective direction. Many times these cameras get pointed towards the ground or in a direction that is not effective. Have a system in place to ensure that these

cameras are monitored and pointing in an effective direction.

- Ensure that no items have been moved into a position that blocks a camera, whether intentionally or accidentally.
- Ensure that proper lighting is available at night in areas that your cameras are monitoring. The camera may be effective during daylight hours, however, may be completely useless at night.
- Ensure that housing unit lights are kept on as well. If the unit is dark, then the cameras will not be effective.
- Ensure that you have someone monitoring these cameras. Many times there may not be staff available to continuously monitor the system,

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28th Black Heritage Celebration

February 15, 2013 • Metro Tech • Oklahoma City, OK



1. Deborah Sancho, DHS/BHC committee member, Lorretta Jackson, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, and Sandra Harrison
2. Past Black Heritage Celebration Award recipients
3. Joyce Perry, Employee Rights and Relations, La Toya High, Jeffery M. McCoy Central District, and April Owens, Transition Coordinator, Tulsa Reentry One Stop
4. The Oklahoma Red Dirt Griot Band
5. Sandra Harrison, DHS Administrative Services Director
6. Deborah Sancho, DHS/BHC committee member, and Tony Bryan, DHS/Meritorius Award recipient
7. Deborah Sancho, DHS/BHC committee member, Sonja Howell, DHS/receiving Trailblazer Award (for father/award recipient), Dr. Lester LeSure, and Sandra Harrison, DHS Administrative Services Director

HISTORY OF THE BLUE LIGHT



The idea began in 1989 when Mrs. Dolly Craig wrote to C.O.P.S. that she would be putting two blue candles in her living room window that holiday season. One of the candles was for her son-in-law, Daniel Gleason, who had been killed in the line of duty on June 5, 1986, while serving with the Philadelphia (PA) Police Department, and one was for her daughter and Danny's wife, Pam, who had been killed in an automobile accident in August 1989. Danny and Pam had 6 children. Dolly Craig is now deceased as well, but her idea is her legacy. Project Blue Light now burns bright in the hearts of the nearly 30,000 survivors of America's fallen law enforcement officers during the holiday season.

C.O.P.S. adopted this idea as a way that everyone could honor the officers who serve and protect us while remembering those who have been killed in the line of duty. Project Blue Light has grown steadily as a way of remembering our departed law enforcement officers across America and beyond. The concept is a simple one. Place a single blue light in your window in memory of fallen officers. Ornamental light fixtures, such as candlestick replicas, are easy to come by and serve this purpose well or you can purchase a limited edition, C.O.P.S. Legacy Logo Blue Light <https://www.nationalcops.org/projectbluelight.htm>

BLUE LIGHT Ceremony

by Genese McCoy



On November 18, 2012, some of our DOC family joined the Jeff McCoy family to participate in the Annual Blue Light Ceremony at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Oklahoma City. It was touching to see members of our DOC family in attendance and our DOC Honor Guard participating in the program.

OK Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Chapter President Jerriane Wilmott was the master of ceremony for the event.

After the national anthem, presentation of the colors, prayer and a few songs the keynote speaker, Michael C. Thompson Commissioner of Public Safety and Secretary of Safety and Security, gave a short speech praising the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and those that continue to place their lives in harm's way every day in order to protect the citizens of Oklahoma. Along with our DOC Honor Guard, several city, county and State law enforcement

agencies participated in the program. The ceremony ended with the lighting of the "blue lights" by those in attendance, a 21 gun salute, taps and the retiring of the colors.

This Christmas, if you are interested in honoring Jeff McCoy's memory, or any of our family in DOC/Law Enforcement, I encourage you to put a blue candle in your window. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. ■



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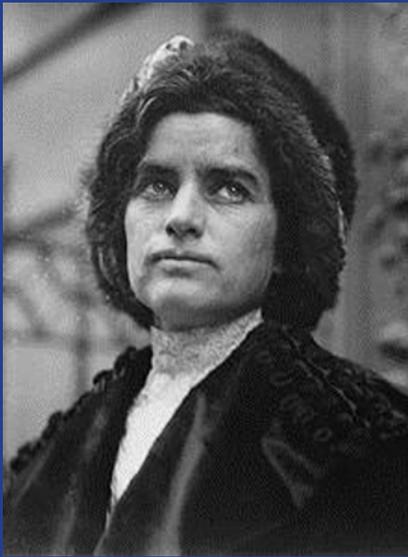
Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

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Pictured (top left) Director Jones with Megan, Alex, Allie, Genese, and Pat McCoy, (top right) Pat McCoy holding Allie, Kelli (Jeff's sister) and Alex, (bottom left) Michael Thompson, Commissioner of Public Safety and Secretary of Safety and Security, and (bottom right) DOC Honor Guard.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections recognizes Kate Barnard, Mabel Bassett and Clara Waters for their extraordinary accomplishments and their role in changing the face of corrections and the field of criminal justice in America.



Catherine Ann "Kate" Barnard was the first woman to be elected as a state official in Oklahoma, and the United States in 1907. She served as the first Oklahoma Commissioner of Charities and Corrections for two four-year terms. Barnard was a key player in the enactment of the compulsory education laws, state support of poor widows dependent on their children's earnings, and statutes implementing the constitutional ban on child labor. Some have said that her most important action may have been when she uncovered the abusive treatment of Oklahoma prisoners who were being held in Kansas prisons under contract, which included forced labor in coal mines and torture. Her work and the pressure she put on Oklahoma's first Governor, Charles N. Haskell, resulted in the return of the prisoners to Oklahoma and the construction of the Oklahoma state penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma.



Mabel Bassett directed the Creek County Humane Society in Sapulpa, which began in 1910 and became the first home for children established in the new state of Oklahoma. Mrs. Bassett became the state commissioner of charities and corrections for Oklahoma in 1923, and played a vital role in ensuring the passage of legislation such as that which made wife and child-desertion a felony. She was the first to promote the establishment of a state pardon and parole board, the Industrial School for African American boys at Boley, Oklahoma, and a building for women prisoners at the state penitentiary.



Clara Waters was the wife of Dr. George Waters, who was the warden of the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite from 1920-1926. She had been actively involved in her husband's work, so much so that one year after his death she was named warden of the reformatory. This appointment made Clara Waters the first female warden in the United States to head a state prison. She also is reported to be the first female to head an all male prison. While serving as warden, she developed the educational and vocational training opportunities provided to the young offenders convicted of felonies and began the first in-house educational program at the reformatory. This program eventually evolved into the Lakeside School, the first fully accredited behind-the walls high school in the United States. Other accomplishments included a classification program to segregate the younger offenders from the older inmates. In addition, she initiated a 24-hour day medical access program at the reformatory, which later became a required standard at all correctional facilities.

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10 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE LOOK FOR WHEN HIRING NEW MANAGERS

When you're thinking of promoting an employee or hiring someone to his or her critical first management position, what are the most important things you take into consideration? ManageElite asked 589 executives and managers, people who regularly make that decision, what they take into consideration when hiring new managers. Here's how they answered (percentages answering "important" or "very important"):

- 1 Verbal communication skills 97.0%**
They can carry on intelligent conversations, articulate goals and mission, give clear instructions, explain problems, etc.
- 2 Positive attitude 96.3%**
They're upbeat, see the bright side of things, always able to spot opportunities and aren't Negative Nellies.
- 3 Initiative 95.3%**
They're self-starters, don't wait to be told to do things, see problems and act to solve them.
- 4 Common sense 94.7%**
The ability to make sound judgments based on life experience and straightforward facts.
- 5 Temperament 91.0%**
Pleasant and agreeable behaviors get high marks. Testy or ornery demeanors don't fare very well.
- 6 Intelligence 90.9%**
The people we promote don't have to be geniuses, but we do like our managers to be smart.
- 7 Written communication skills 90.4%**
Straight-forward writing skills are critical. Managers have to write a lot: memos, performance reviews, business proposals, and executive summaries. Typos and grammar mistakes are costly.
- 8 Rapport with colleagues 85.1%**
You don't have to be best friends with co-workers (and probably shouldn't be), but having great rapport with colleagues is the sign of a good manager.
- 9 Thoughtful 81.8%**
We like new managers to think things through first. Brash, acting-without-thinking behavior isn't comforting.
- 10 Ambition 74.6%**
They should have ambition, but in most cases it needs to be tempered. They should have aspirations, but not egomaniacs. Succeed at all costs isn't a trait that's admired.



A WISH COME TRUE FOR LIL' D

— *David Kanke* —

On February 1, 2013, Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) had the honor of assisting local law enforcement with making a wish come true. Here is the story of David "Lil' D" Kanke.

A little over a year ago, five-year old David "Lil' D" Kanke was diagnosed with ganglionueroblastoma, a rare form of cancer. Lil' D is a bright, articulate young man who is bravely fighting this insidious disease. David's 14-year old

brother, Trevor, set up a Lil' D Facebook page where supporters could follow his progress and add comments to help brighten his day. On December 21st, this Wynona, Oklahoma youngster sustained a relapse when a spot was detected in the muscle of the left side of his neck.

Because of the severity of this cancer, Lil' D has been out of school since October 2012. "He was hospitalized twice in January," says Lil' D's mother, Kelly Kanke. "Since his diagnosis a little over a year ago, Lil' D has had forty cases of the croup and eight surgeries. Something as simple as a head cold will compromise his breathing."

More than sixteen hundred followers have joined Lil' D's Facebook page, including Massachusetts' firefighter Jim Cunningham. When Cunningham discovered Lil' D's dream of becoming a police officer, he contacted the Pawhuska, Oklahoma Police Department (PPD) Chief Scott Laird. Laird then contacted Osage County Sheriff (OCSO) Ty Koch. Their collaboration resulted in a whirlwind day of activities. On February 1, 2013, Lil' D was made an honorary Pawhuska Police Officer, Osage County Sheriff Office Deputy and Department of Corrections (DOC) Chief of Security at the Dick Conner Correctional Center.

Lil' D's day began when he was picked up by OCSO Deputies Gary Blake, Frank Chessman and Rex Wikel. "Deputy Chessman has a special connection to Lil' D as he is a former Chief of Police for Wynona," explained Kelly Kanke.

Upon Lil' D's arrival at the Pawhuska Police Department, he was presented an official police hat (embroidery courtesy of Marie Davis of Stitches), shirt and an authentic police badge. During a tour of the PPD facilities, Lil' D successfully jailed OCSO Deputy Travis Harris. A caravan of eleven police and sheriff cars, with lights flashing, escorted the new officer to the Osage County jail. There, Sheriff Ty Koch duly swore in Lil' D as an honorary deputy and presented him with a framed certificate and authentic Swiss & Wesson handcuffs followed by a grand tour of the facilities. When Lil' D saw the room containing shackles, he commented, "These are humungous!"

Osage County law enforcement had a big surprise for this young officer at the new Drug Task Force building. Lil' D was greeted by an official salute from officers of the OSCO, PPD and Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Wanting to insure their newest recruit had proper wheels, members of the OCSO partnered with the PPD to surprise Lil' D with a battery-powered police car. The excitement on this young man's face was contagious as he eagerly hugged and thanked everyone in site for such a great surprise. Lil' D was fascinated by the officer's tool belts, especially the handcuffs. When PPD Officer Louis Daley volunteered to be handcuffed, an excited Lil' D remarked, "Who's the genius who made me do this?"

Lil' D's agenda included a visit to the Osage County Courthouse where he was able to preside over Judge Kane's and Judge Gambill's courts. According

to Kelly, Judge Gambill's court room held special memories for their family as March 2013 will mark the third anniversary when Lil D was officially adopted. His birth mom, Julie Curry, was the adopted daughter of Kelly and Robert Kanke and passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2009, just 15 days before Lil D's second birthday.

Following lunch at Simple Simon's Pizza, the entourage headed to the R. B. "Dick" Conner Correctional in Hominy. Warden Terry Martin made

Lil D an honorary Chief of Security and presented him with a number of special gifts, including a set of walkie talkies, a Folger/Adams key (a large skeleton type key no longer used at the facility), a security ID, a ball cap and patches. "Since the prison makes license tags, we had a vanity plate made especially for this special young man," said Warden Martin. "During his visit, Lil D was able to check out the control room, surveillance cameras and meet some of our blood hounds."

"We are very thankful to be allowed to be part of Lil D's day. Participating gave us a good feeling. It's a good thing when we can make a difference in a young man's life. Lil D should remember this day for a long time." Pulling out a candy wrapper, Warden Martin continued, "When we gave Lil D a sucker, he handed me the wrapper for disposal. I decided to keep it as a reminder that when I am having a bad day, I can remember this came from a very brave young man." ■

To learn more about this remarkable young man, visit his Facebook page at [Prayer-chain-for-Lil-d-David-Kanke](#) or to send words of encouragement, gifts or monetary donations, write to Lil D Kanke, PO Box 445, Wynona, OK, 74084.

Pictured (right) David Kanke trying his key in the door. (He was completely intrigued by the key), (far right) David with Sgt. Karen Hendrix, (bottom left) David with Lt. Justin Reeves in DCCC Central Control, and (bottom right) David with Warden Terry Martin and Chief of Security William Jones.



Southern States Correctional Association (SSCA) Mid-Winter Meeting

February 21-23, 2013 • Renaissance Hotel • Oklahoma City, OK



1. Conference attendees from Arkansas.
2. Shelly Bear, L.D. Ormand, Stephanie Ormand, Chad Dennis, and Sherry Sullivan
3. Conference attendees from Mississippi.
4. Jamie Strang, Vanessa Kennedy, James Sweatt, and Amanda Dees, Kentucky DOC
5. Tiffany Goss, Amanda McCurdy, and Veryl Shields, ODOC
6. SSCA State Representatives: Mark Engelle, Virginia Ann Statham-TX, Abby McIntire-KY, Pete Fremin-LA, and Neil Jones-MS
7. Grant Harris-AR, Stuart Holt-GA, and Candace Whisman-TN, and Sylvia Williams-FL

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1. Conference attendees with Carol Gilcrease-LA, Constitution & By-Laws Chair (right).
2. Conference attendee (left) with Rita Cooksey and J.D. Colbert, ODOC.
3. Buddy Honaker, Kent Peck and Leo Brown, ODOC.
4. Pam Polk, Carl Bear, Leda Reese, and Laurie Beckelheimer, ODOC.
5. Ray Hobbs, Director, Arkansas DOC, Conference Speaker Walt Birdsong, CLEET, and Grant Harris-AR.
6. Amanda McCurdy and Becky Guffy, ODOC.
7. Greg Williams and Ed Evans, ODOC, with conference attendee.
8. Oklahoma Hospitality Crew: (back row) L.D. Ormand, Chad Dennis, David Wortham, (front row) Pam Polk, Stephanie Ormand, Leda Reese, and Shelly Bear.
9. Ray Hobbs, Director, Arkansas DOC, and W.P. "Buck" Rogers-VA, SSCA Secretary.
10. Genese McCoy, Kristin Timms, and Renee Watkins, ODOC.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING

February 28, 2013 • Jeffery M. McCoy Central District • Oklahoma City, OK



Pictured (top left) Jeffery M. McCoy plaque; (top right) Steve Burrage, BOC member, and Earnest D. Ware, BOC vice-chair; (middle left) Michael W. Roach, member, and Linda K. Neal, chair; (middle right) Jeffery M. McCoy's family, (bottom left) David Parker, Deputy Director, Division III, and (bottom right) Matthew McBee, board member, Justin Jones, Director, Gerald Wright, board member, Kevin J. Gross, board secretary, and Anita Trammell is confirmed as warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

SOUTHERN STATES CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

2013 Annual Conference



OKLAHOMA CITY

July 14-17, 2013

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Oklahoma Department of Corrections Annual Black History Program

March 8, 2013 • Hillside CCC Multi-Purpose Room, Oklahoma City, OK



1. Randy Matthews, John Hart, and friends from Union City CCC
2. Guests from Tatum, Oklahoma
3. Ted Logan, DOC (retired)/Boley Guest Presenter, and Forrest Lee, Boley Guest Presenter
4. Essie McIntosh, former Taft Mayor and Guest Presenter
5. Paulette Bowler, DOC/Taft Guest Presenter
6. Marcella Reed and Courtney Freeborn, Executive Communications





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but it is imperative that you have several staff members with the knowledge to review and record past video footage.

- If you know that a camera is not effective for any reason, move it or fix the problem. A camera is only as effective as you allow it to be.

Fence Alarms

- A perimeter fence may not be the only area where a fence alarm is needed. An adjacent fence or intersecting fence may be utilized to assist an offender in an escape. Do

not assume that a fence does not need an alarm because that fence does not lead to the outside of the facility.

- Ensure that your fence alarms are working correctly. Many times an alarm will sound repeatedly due to wind or other reasons. This will cause staff to become complacent and when that happens, the alarm is no longer effective. Ensure that your alarm system is activated only when it needs to be. Otherwise, make adjustments to correct that problem.

(Technology in Corrections, cont. from page 14)
 computer that tells who ate and what they ate, along with providing an electronic inventory that tells us what we prepared and when we prepared it. There are hundreds of innovations in our support systems that go almost unnoticed unless you are the person using them every day. This article didn't even address things like copying machines and printers (to name a few) that we touch hundreds of times each week without even thinking about it.

Look around, technology is everywhere. What we don't have now we should consider for the future. Ideas are what drive the industry. If you see a need send it up the chain, it may be the next technology working to make our operations safer and more secure. ■



- Remember, your fence alarm system is only the first detection of a problem. This alarm will not prevent an escape. You must have an effective response system in coordination with the alarm. Ensure that all staff take due diligence when responding to an alarm every time.

These areas of concern may seem elementary, and in many cases they are, however, it always seems to be the elementary things that come back to bite us in the end. We all need to be reminded of basic security practices from time to time. ■

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (ODOC) MEDICAL SERVICES

Enters World of Video-Conferencing Telemedicine

The ODOC Medical Services entered into the world of video-conferencing Telemedicine on July 5, 2012. The initial presentation was with Integris Baptist Medical Center for the treatment of Hepatitis C. Currently, cases are presented at the beginning of each month, and advice is received regarding treatment from a Hepatologists (Liver Specialists) located at Integris. The

facilities that present cases for HEP C are DCCC-JEHCC-MBCC-OSP.

To date our facilities have presented 18 cases and had 12 offenders start on HEP C treatment with 4 who have completed treatment. At least 4 new cases will be presented at the February meeting.

With the success of telemedicine with Integris, Medical Services wanted to

expand with OUHSC and its clinics.

With the approval of the Director, IT purchased Cisco Teleconferencing equipment for all medical facilities and all were set up and tested with the help of Jerry Motte and the PC Support group. Jerry Motte and Daniel Vu conducted testing with all facilities to ensure connectivity testing was successful and have worked closely with the IT coordinator at Integris.

Connectivity testing was completed with OUHSC in January and February 2013. At the end of February and the beginning of March, training will occur for all facilities to implement HIV case presentations thru Telemedicine with the OU Infectious Disease Clinic. Other OU specialty clinics may be added, improving access to specialty care while reducing some of the need for medical transports. ■



Pictured (above) Shari Jones, RN/Nurse Manager, and Don Suttmiller, Chief Medical Officer, (top left and bottom left) medical staff learn to use the new system.



OKLAHOMA DAY

APRIL 22, 1889



After forcing the Native Americans to move west of the Mississippi River during the early decades of the 19th century, Congress set aside a vast area including all of what is now Oklahoma and called it the Indian Territory, telling them the land would be theirs forever. But eventually, the U.S. government

reneged on its policy in response to pressure from railroad companies and land-hungry homesteaders. Part of the Indian Territory was opened to white settlement by allowing “land runs,” in which homesteaders raced across the border to stake their claim to 160-acre plots offered free of charge. Those who managed to sneak across the line before the official opening were called “sooners,”

which is how Oklahoma came to be nicknamed “the Sooner State.” The land run of April 22, 1889, paved the way for the organization of the Oklahoma Territory in 1890, and for Oklahoma’s statehood in 1907.

Oklahoma 89ers Day, also known as the 89ers Day Festival, an annual April event commemorating Oklahoma’s first land run, held on April 22, 1889, to open the Unassigned Lands of central Oklahoma to non-Indian settlement. The celebration focuses on the town of Guthrie, the site of the original land office about 80 miles from the starting border, the “89ers,” as the original participants came to be called, reenacted the land rush, and each year Guthrie observes its anniversary with an 89ers festival. Elsewhere in Oklahoma, the day is celebrated with parades, rodeo, and events based on the land rush theme.

EARTH DAY 2013



March/April - Anniversaries

40+ Years

41 Years

Sharon Neumann Comm Sent
Jerry Mayfield Training

40 Years

Donice Johnson Finance/Acctng
Jerry Massie Communications

30+ Years

38 Years

Margaret Branch WKCC
Marilyn Williams Central Dist CC

37 Years

Linda Parrish Admin. Services

36 Years

Elvin Baum Director's Ofc
Cora Clay MACC

34 Years

Sherol Norwood-Darko Comm Corr

33 Years

Robert Wilson HMCC

32 Years

Henry Needham NOCC
David Dionne JLCC

31 Years

Lori Smith Personnel
Mark Carter Inst Division III
Rebekah Lawmaster Comm Sent
Dwight Burrow OSR

30 Years

Bonnie Yarbrough Sentence Admin
John Loomis OCI Manufact
Jimmy Janway JEHCC



National Volunteer Week
April 21 - 27, 2013

20+ Years

29 Years

Kerry Kendall OSR
Michael Wade NOCC
Charlene Bredel JCCC
Sheryl Brock NOCC
Krista Cobb JCCC
William Taylor EWCC
Stephanie White JDCC
Gail Lindbloom NOCC

28 Years

Michael Davenport JLCC
John Webber N.W. Dist CWC Support
Loycene Colbert MBCC

27 Years

Tami Grogan JCCC
Leola Isbell Central Dist CC

26 Years

Victoria Bond Comm Corr
Cathy Wilkerson Inst Division I
Teresa Butler JDCC
Robert Calvert Agri Svcs/HMCC
Kevin Hodgson JCCC
Ricky Moham MBCC
Michael Lillard Training
Janice Thompson Sentence Admin
Billy Pharaoh Inst Division III

25 Years

Brad Bailey Agri-Services
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Dick Bartley DCCC
Tommy Fitch JHCC
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Lindsay Phillips Kate Barnard CCC
Sherre Sexton LARC
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Paul Yeary OCI Mfg/LARC
Angela Nielsen Medical/WKCC
Gregory Thomas Personnel

24 Years

Alexander Lunn OCI Manufact

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James Young Med Adm/WKCC
Darryl Gandy EWCC
Valeta Duncan MBCC
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Staci Bliss Facility Class
Jackie Perkins Medical/WKCC

23 Years

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Stephanie Abell N.W. Dist CWC Support
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22 Years

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Tina Hicks Admin. Services
Lorena McWaters Personnel
Reggie Green MACC
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Melanie Spector Programs

21 Years

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Rebecca Steelman JEHCC
Terence Bolt DCCC
Daniel Owens DCCC
Wendell Davis Okla City CCC
Deborah McCurdy MBCC
Larry Stone Enid CCC

20 Years

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Rodney Angel Sayre CWC
Travis Cody OSR
Harbey Gonzalez OSR
Dottie Street OCI Mfg/OSR
Sandra Hill Community Sentencing
Kenneth Hill MBCC
Randy Roden OSP
Allen Williams OSP

March/April - Anniversaries

10+ Years

19 Years

Brian Thornburgh OK Co Res N.
Kelly Wilkey Transp/LARC
Phyllis Watkins Inst Division II
Patrick Cychosz OSP
Brenda Fisher DCCC
Glenda McClary DCCC
Bobby Harris OSP
Theresa Tipton EWCC
Toni Halferty Departl Svcs

18 Years

David Glaze WKCC
Danny Owens WKCC
Sharon Murphy EWCC
Scott Hairrell JEHCC
Scott Morgan S.E. Dist CC
Carrie Morris OCI Mfg/DCCC
Ann Tandy Comm Corr
Jamee Winzenburg Procedures
Jeffrey Medlock OSR
Julie Walker N.E. Dist CC
Carrie Hughes OSP
Charles Korff BJCC
Robert Kraft BJCC
Robert Marker Enid CCC
Vicki Schlarb BJCC
Kelly Schrock BJCC
Brenda Williamson OSP

17 Years

Donald Givens LARC
Scott Crow Field Oper
Scott Benton N.W. Dist CC
Michael Hicks NOCC
Jeanie Witchey WKCC
Danny Bouziden BJCC
Lisa Collins JLCC
Ken Lively WKCC
Marlene Swenn BJCC
Kathryn Uptergrove OSR
James Wilson Agri Svcs/JCCC
Floyd Todd Med Ad/LARC
Patricia Baker Educ/EWCC
Gerlinde Jenne JHCC
Tina Holder Educ/JBCC
Patricia Santine Medical/OSP

16 Years

Noel Boyd JLCC

Brent Owens Agri Svcs/JBCC
Velvin Thomas JLCC
Famous Marshall, Jr. JLCC
Frances Alcorn JDCC
Casey Bennefield JDCC
Johnny Richerson JDCC
Kristopher Shipp EWCC
Ralph Anderson JEHCC
Paula Bethea OSR
Tammy Cartwright DCCC
Stephen Hembree JEHCC
Ray Schmidt JCCC
Sharon Morgan EWCC
George Garner MACC
Jeromey Gaster WKCC
Patrick Harris BJCC
Robert Humphrey Tulsa Co Dis CC
Kelly Kennedy S.E. Dist CC
Matthew Oldham JCCC
Lawrence Bell, Jr. JCCC
Joan Spitzer N.W. Dist CC
Leroy Harris, Jr. OSP
Rhonda Haworth Training
Jayson Corro Transport/LARC
Bobby Brinkley S.W. Dist CC
John Holt BJCC
Michael Johnson HMCC
Jason Pettus BJCC
Jimmy Donathan JEHCC
Donnie Jones JEHCC
Leonard Brokesoulder OSP
Dennis McCaslin, Jr. WKCC

15 Years

Virginia Hayes Hollis CWC
Blais Margaglio Inst Division III
Regina Etchison OSP
Lee McConnell MBCC
Shawn Enloe JHCC
Diane Orr Comm Sent
Brenda Goodson OSR
Jason Wilkey JHCC
Barbara Johnson EWCC
Eileen Rentie Personnel
Christina Andrajack Altus CWC
Keith Brooks Hollis CWC
Timmy Hunter Hollis CWC
Debra Hunter WKCC
Kevin Angel HMCC
David Hartman LARC

George Watts JDCC
William Dorries Idabel CWC
Everett Grace III JCCC
Gail Varnell Programs
LaGena Williston S.E. Dist CC

14 Years

Matthew Knight MACC
William Quick OSP
Krisandra Warren Programs
Loren Wilson Mangum CWC
Virgil Wilson OSP
John Daniels NOCC
Sharon Fowler EWCC
Ginger Isbell MBCC
Lonnie Watson, Jr. Idabel CWC
Carl Wilks Internal Affairs
Anthony Tansimore Union City CCC
Vanessa Witherspoon EWCC
Kevin King OCI Mfg/DCCC
Pamela Vaughn Medical/JEHCC
Paul Lawrence Walters CWC
Tina Womack S.E. Dist CC
Nelson Frantz Agri Svcs/JCCC

13 Years

Carla Byrd N.E. Dist CC
Linda Foster Beaver CWC
Kellie Bradford Medical/JLCC
Stella Ezugha Kate Barnard CCC
Donna McCaslin WKCC
Debra Mills JHCC
Glenn Hardin Education/OSR
Cecil Lowe JCCC
Ladonna Laskey Central Dist CC
Teresa Patton Training
Shawn Ramirez Agri Svcs/OSR
Kevin Yandell JEHCC
Frank Williams Med Adm/LCCC
Trudee Berry Medical/JLCC
Tim Grider JDCC
Dana Knight OSP
Velva Moore OSP
Carl Sager OSP
Leon Sevier, Jr. Medical/LARC
David Summers OSP
Regina Vanblaricom OSP
Donnie Wann LARC
Luke Werner LARC
James Hicks LARC

Deborah Akerman JHCC

12 Years

Veda Campbell JCCC
Rodney Lee Union City CCC
Tommy Williams OSP
Christina Pettus Ment Hlth/BJCC
Justin Farris OCI Mfg/MACC
Charles Renshaw Maintenance
Jacky Parker OSP
Demonty Fellers NOCC
Christopher Lee JLCC
Amado Garcia Training
John New Finance/Acctng
Deloris Isaac Medical/OSP
Cynthia Bowers EWCC
Rebecca Williams OCI Mfg/LARC

11 Years

Lela Delozier Medical/MBCC
Mary Godfrey Medical/MBCC
Aneda Smith JBCC
Michael Boggs EWCC
Jeffery Wilson EWCC
Samuel Barnes Medical/JHCC
Harry Mendros Ment Hlth/JHCC
Billy Trask OK Co Res N
Denise Hunter Medical/WKCC
Tina Prentice-Pigg S.E. Dist CC
Sharon Webster WKCC
Katrinka Sutton Medical/DCCC
Terry Moore JHCC
Bryan Fields OSP

10 Years

Jason Lemons NOCC
Brian Brower DCCC
Nathan Brown Central Dist CC
Spenser King JBCC
Kenneth Ezekiel Education/JBCC
Kathryn Burton Medical/MBCC
Treena Lorentz JHCC
Norma Pressley N.E. Dist CC
Terri Cantrell Medical/JHCC

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BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

for at least 30 minutes, at least five days a week

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT

DON'T SMOKE *If you do smoke, quit*

IF YOU DRINK ALCOHOL,

*have no more than one drink a day
if you're a woman or two drinks a day if you're a man*

EAT MORE *fruits, vegetables and whole grains*

EAT LESS *red meat and cut out processed meat*

Eat Healthy



Be Active



Get Screened



Don't Smoke



CALENDAR

APRIL

- 16-19 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
Hillside CCC
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Oklahoma 89er's Day
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day
- 25 Board of Corrections Meeting
Hillside Community Corrections Center
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MAY

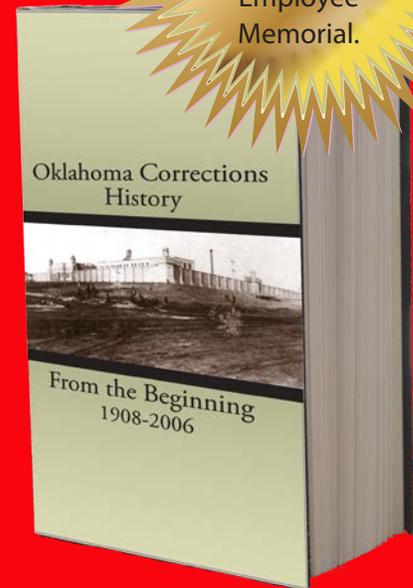
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14-17 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
Hillside CCC
- 27 Memorial Day
- 30 Board of Corrections Meeting
John Lilley CC
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JUNE

- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 18-21 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
Hillside CCC
- 21 Board of Corrections Meeting
Lexington A&R Center

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Mabel Bassett Correctional Center

The Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) is the only maximum security institution for women in the state of Oklahoma. The center was originally located in northeast Oklahoma City, adjacent to the Department of Corrections Administration Building. Opened as a community treatment center in January, 1974, the center was changed to a medium security facility in 1978. In 1982, MBCC was converted to include maximum security. Offenders assigned to MBCC range from Death Row to minimum security level. Prior to MBCC, all female offenders were housed at the OSP women's unit.

In 2001, all three female offenders on death row were executed by lethal injection. They were Wanda Jean Allen (01/11/01); Marilyn K. Plantz (05/01/01); and Nadene Smith (12/04/01).

In 2002, the Board of Corrections recommended, and the legislature approved, \$40 million to enter into a lease purchase of Central Oklahoma Correctional Facility (COCF) in McLoud, Oklahoma, in order to close MBCC in Oklahoma City and relocate it to McLoud, Oklahoma. On May 1, 2003, MBCC relocated to the former private prison facility merging the offender populations. The former MBCC was then converted to the Hillside Community Corrections Center.

In early 2004, with the approval of bond issue funding in the amount of \$4,000,000, a six-phase remodeling project that included death row, renovation of the mental health unit, and a new education building began at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. On March 5, 2004, modular buildings were constructed on the grounds for Oklahoma Correctional Industries and a Canteen warehouse.

RETIREMENTS

APRIL

<i>Rosa M. Bensley</i>	<i>Kenneth M. Keith</i>
<i>Carmelia A. Brossett</i>	<i>Ralph T. Luttrell</i>
<i>Annita T. Brown</i>	<i>Teresa A. McDoulett</i>
<i>Dwight K. Burrow</i>	<i>Linda J. Parrish</i>
<i>Michael A. Dunkle</i>	<i>Vince D. Parsons</i>
<i>Kenneth S. Goss</i>	<i>James W. Rabon III</i>
<i>Linda F. Hubbell</i>	<i>William F. White</i>
<i>Kim K. Hudson</i>	<i>Benito R. Williamson</i>
<i>David B. Huffman</i>	<i>Norma T. Wright</i>
<i>Donice A. Johnson</i>	

RE-ACCREDITATION

Please join the Division of Community Corrections in congratulating the staff at Lawton Community Corrections Center, Southwest District, for successfully completing their ACA Audit with scores of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards.

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