

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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## Department of Corrections Recognizes Staff During Correctional Employees Week

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) is celebrating Correctional Employees Week from May 5 – 11, as proclaimed by Governor Tony Evers. The Department will be holding events at correctional facilities, probation and parole offices, and other worksites across Wisconsin to recognize the invaluable impact our staff make on those in our care, our communities, and each other.

"Whether they work in security, the medical field, probation and parole, education, records, budget, or the multitude of other positions the DOC offers, all DOC staff share the same goal of ensuring public safety," said DOC Secretary-designee Kevin A. Carr. "I cannot thank our staff enough for their dedication to work that may sometimes feel thankless or go unnoticed by others. Correctional Employees Week is a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on the impact DOC employees have on our communities and thank them for their commitment. I am proud to be a part of the Department of Corrections and hope our employees take pride in the significant mark difference they make every day."

The Department will recognize more than 20 DOC employees at the SALUTE and lifesaving and valor awards ceremony. The SALUTE, or Service, Awareness, Leadership, Unique, Team, and Excellence award program is a peer-nominated way to recognize individual employees for their contributions to the agency relative to the Secretary's pillars of success. Employees whose actions best represent these pillars are recognized by colleagues and DOC management. The DOC will also honor more than one dozen staff at the Length of Service Awards for anywhere from 25 to 45 years of state service.

The Department employs approximately 10,000 employees who work at 36 correctional facilities, 168 probation and parole offices, and numerous offices and buildings throughout the state of Wisconsin. Many employees work on a 24/7 basis to protect the public, including those at our Electronic Monitoring Center.

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