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NEW WARDEN OF STATE'S ONLY MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON

St. Paul- Commissioner Tom Roy has chosen Kent Grandlienard to be the new warden of the Minnesota Correctional Facility Oak Park Heights — the state's only level 5, maximum security prison.

Grandlienard began his career as a corrections officer at the Stillwater prison in 1981 and worked his way up through the ranks, most recently serving as associate warden at Oak Park Heights prison.

"I am honored to be selected as the warden, and look forward to the challenge of carrying on the high standard of wardens at this facility and throughout the DOC," said Grandlienard. "I am also thankful that I will be able to continue to work with all the great staff here, whose daily efforts make this facility one of the most safe, secure and humane maximum security prisons in existence."

Grandlienard, raised in the east metro, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus. He has also held several positions in the local community, such as County Planning and Advisory Commission member (Washington County), Township Supervisor and Board Chairman (Baytown Township) and School Board Member (St. Croix Preparatory Academy).

"Kent has dedicated his entire career to excellence in corrections," said Corrections Commissioner Tom Roy. "His knowledge of the facility, staff and offenders will benefit the department greatly as he oversees the most secure facility in the state."

The MCF-Oak Park Heights receives offenders primarily transferred from other adult male institutions who are classified as maximum custody or extreme risks to the public. The level five, maximum-security institution has a population of 432.

Kent's Corrections Career:
Corrections Officer at Stillwater: 1981-1986
Caseworker at Stillwater and Oak Park Heights: 1986-1994
Policy and Program Monitor for Community Services for Interstate Probation/Parole: 1994-1997
Project Supervisor at Central Office for Records & Sentencing: 1997-1998
Alternative Program Manager at Central Office-Sentence Administrator, Board of Pardons, & Data Practices: 1998-2000
Corrections Alternative Program Manager-Facilities Offender Classification & Transfers: 2000-2002
Project Manager for Training: 2002-2003
District Supervisor Field Services: 2003-2005
Associate Warden of Administration at Oak Park Heights: 2005-2008
Associate Warden of Operations at Oak Park Heights: 2008-present



Warden Grandlienard in the yard of the prison

To interview the warden, contact Sarah Russell.

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