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WARDEN RETIRES FROM FARIBAULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

ST. PAUL – After 33 years of service to the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC), Warden **Mark Thielen** retired from Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)–Faribault on December 2.

Thielen began his career in corrections in 1978 as a corrections counselor. He went on to serve as case manager, corrections supervisor, assistant to the deputy commissioner, co-project manager of an initiative to increase American Indian cultural programming within Minnesota correctional facilities, associate warden of operations and finally warden of Rush City and Faribault prisons.

Thielen was raised in St. Paul. He holds a master's degree in corrections administration from Mankato State University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota.

Corrections Commissioner Tom Roy said, "Mark's dedication to the Department of Corrections has proven to be a valuable asset. I wish him the best of luck in his well deserved retirement."



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